

# PROTECTING THE LORD'S CHURCH

## PROTECTING ASSEMBLY

## 1 TIMOTHY 2

### for Children:

Roll out some modeling clay (or cookie dough) and cut out some gingerbread men with a cookie cutter. Then try shaping your own people with the clay or dough. Which are more interesting, fun, or special? Read Psalm 139:13-16. There are times you may want to be like someone else, but God knew exactly what He was doing when He created you, and God doesn't make mistakes. Trust what God says in the Bible about who He created you to be, and hold onto that truth as you grow.

### for the Mature Christian:

Read 1 Timothy 2 (extra: Romans 13:1-7). Paul uses four words to describe the types of prayers involved in Sunday assembly. There are prayers for specific needs, appeals to God to act providentially in the lives of others (for blessing or correction), and prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings and good gifts God has given. What's more, these prayers are offered for all humanity,

including civil leaders (whether you like them or not). This week try filling your prayer time with all aspects. Specifically take time to pray about God's sovereign will over world leaders, for God protect and provide open doors for His people across the world to boldly spread the Gospel of Christ Jesus.

### for the Growing Christian:

Paul intended the letters he wrote to Timothy to be read aloud before the Christians in Ephesus. This meant that as Paul was encouraging Timothy, he would also be teaching the congregation how to live according to God's design.

Paul's First Letter to Timothy has much to teach Christians on how to keep the worship assembly on the first day of the week a time for praising God, remembering Christ's sacrifice, and to be encouraged by God's promises. Specifically in the second chapter Paul warns against division and distraction caused by arguments, pride, and vanity.

Read again Ephesians 4:1-16. Prayerfully consider the ways you can be proactive in preventing distraction and division in the Body of Christ. Is there a task you can take up to ease the burden of your brother or sister in Christ? Is there a disagreement that needs resolution and forgiveness? It can be a great encouragement to others to volunteer a prayer, or attend a Bible study. What is the next step you think God is calling you to?

### WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE:

"For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,"

**1 Timothy 2:5**

### JULY 2024 GROWTH GOALS

- Read the Book of 1 Timothy
- Memorize one of the weekly memory verses
- Watch the Bible Project video on the Book of 1 Timothy (available on the website).
- Pray 15 minutes each week for the upcoming Sunday Bible Classes & Worship Assembly.

### WEEKLY AFFIRMATION:

***The Best Way to Worship God is Being Who He Created Me to Be!***

