
SERMON OUTLINE

Being Christian in America
1 Timothy 2:1-6; 1 Peter 2:13-17

- I. Focus on spiritual priorities no matter who is ruling politically (1 Timothy 2:1-6).
 - A. Prioritize prayer (2:1-3).
 - 1. Pray for everyone, but especially for those with governmental authority (1-2).
 - 2. Pray for peaceful freedom to live for Christ (3).
 - B. Prioritize the gospel (2:4-6)
 - 1. God is pleased when we pray for rulers because He wants them to be saved too (4).
 - 2. We alone have the message of salvation through Jesus Christ alone (5-6).
 - 3. Like Paul we must make the gospel our priority (7).

- II. Live obedient to government no matter who is ruling politically (1 Peter 2:13-17).
 - A. Submit to whoever wins elections (13-15).
 - 1. Submission to government honors God (13).
 - 2. God uses government to punish evil and praise those who do what's right (14).
 - 3. God uses our compliance with government to silence critics of Christianity (15).
 - B. Freedom doesn't excuse disobedience (16-17).
 - 1. Use freedoms to honor God not excuse evil (16).
 - 2. Honor, love and respect all (17).
 - 3. Only if government asks us to disobey God must we choose to obey God rather than man (Acts 5:27-29).