

## **1Timothy 2:1-6**

### Pray for Your Leaders

*People of prayer ...*

#### I. For the Spread of the Gospel

A. The One Way

B. Declared

#### II. For Kings & Leaders

A. For Magistrates

B. With Motives

#### III. For Times Like These

A. The State of Things

B. And Our Leaders

1. Godless

2. Reasonable

3. Devout

*... have their eyes on the Kingdom.*

### **Children, Listen ...**

1. Why is it so important that the Gospel is preached?
2. Who does Paul tell the people of God to pray for?
3. Are we to pray for the evil and the good among them?

### **Like them or Not ... Pray**

The Gospel and its place in the advancement of God's Kingdom is the great concern of every Christian. That concern is the overarching interest of Paul's exhortation to pray for government leaders. While it is true that oppression on the part of rulers cannot ultimately stop the spread of the Gospel, the preferable scenario is one that allows for the free expression of speech. It is assumed by the apostle that if Christians are able to live peacefully, they will have opportunity to openly live their lives for Christ as serve as effective testaments to the Gospel of Christ. It is stunning how relevant that very issue is in our current situation in our country. We need to pray that our government leaders will preserve and protect our freedom of speech and to practice our faith. In addition to that we need to pray for them specifically. They are all accountable to God for the way the govern and will give an account for how they serve God and the people. Whether they are "infidels, indifferent to religion" (WCF 13.4) or devout Christians, by virtue of their position, they merit the prayers of God's people.