



Winter Series: 1 Timothy: *Stay the Course!*

- Written by Paul to Timothy to help him:
- Stay on track
- Grow in his faith
- Strengthen the church in Ephesus
- "**Stay the course**" is a **phrase** used in the context of a war or battle meaning to pursue a goal regardless of any obstacles or criticism.

1 Timothy 2.1-7; Lesson 4: **Pray!**



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- **3** This is good, and pleases God our Savior, **4** who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. **5** For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave himself as a ransom for all people.



- This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷ And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

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1. Priority: **Pray!**
2. Be specific
3. Why Pray?
4. Our 'doctrine'

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- ² for kings and
- all those in authority,
- Pray for politicians??

Paul & Politics



- This is an election year, so:
- We ought to pray
- For candidates who stand for biblical principles
- We don't have to 'like' them –
- But we need to pray, do our homework, and vote!

Current Issues:



- Abortion
- Gay marriage
- Legalization of certain drugs
- Socialism
- Religious freedom
- 2nd Amendment
- Read your Bible for the correct answers!

3. Why Pray?



- that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.
- ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.
- Is this your life's goal?

4. Our 'doctrine'



- ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,
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Don't be *Distracted!*



- Be *careful* with Politics
- Remember what's *most important*:
- ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants *all people* to be *saved* and to come to a knowledge of the *truth*.