

## What God Wants

I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. 1Timothy 2:8

Apostle Paul writing to Timothy outlines the importance of prayer to spiritually strong men in the church. It's more than a suggestion or a preference from God. In chapter 2 and verse 4 we read, "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." The word "will" in this verse in the Greek means "to delight in – desire". God "desires" all men to be saved. Verse 8 reads, "I <u>will</u> that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting". In this verse the word "will" has a stronger meaning. God is saying "I intend or want". I won't except anything less.

Now for a minute let's look at what He wants - men to pray and lift up holy hands. This is what God wants from the men. The word "pray" is pretty much self-explanatory. Men, God wants us to be leaders in prayer both in our homes and in the church. Our churches need men to step up to the plate and be leaders in prayer. Not symbolically, but actually praying until something happens! God wants men who will in His house, march to the front, stand to their feet or bend theirs knees and pray. Pray until chains are broken, pray until the anointing is flowing. Pray until your spirits are broken and tears actually run down your face! God wants men to pray!

"Hands" in this passage are "holy hands." What are those? Human hands are used in contexts throughout scripture to signify a holy or unholy life. Job said "Not for any injustice in mine hands: also my prayer is pure." (Job 16:17). Paul was referring to a holy life lived by the man so that his prayers will be heard by God. Not a sinful life of "wrath & doubting". These kinds of men are to serve as the leaders of the Church, offering their bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. Men, this is what God "wants" and this is what the church needs.

God bless as we join in prayer together! Pastor Calvin Grimm Join us for **21 Days of Prayer & Fasting** – January 11 – 31, 2021. If you have needs that you would like for the church to join with you in praying for, please text the requests to Pastor 423.341.3112.

## Schedule for Men's Prayer Gatherings in the sanctuary:

Thursday, January 14 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 21 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 28 – 6:30 p.m.

The ladies will also be meeting weekly on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. – Jan. 11, 18, and 25.



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