*Understanding 1 & 2 Timothy:*

**The Kind of Prayer God Desires**

*1 Timothy 2:8*

*Related Scriptures:* James 5:16; 1 Peter 3:7; 1 Kings 8:22-26; Luke 24:50; Ephesians 4:31-32; James 1:19-20; Ephesians 4:29; Matthew 18:34-35; Matthew 5:23–24; Matthew 6:5-6; Psalm 80:4; Psalm 109:7; Proverbs 28:9; Isaiah 1:15; Matthew 6:7

*Opening Thoughts:*

*Three ways in which our prayer lives are drastically affected:*

*I.* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***: How we live*

*II.* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***: How we think*

*III.* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***:* How we speak

* **Points to Ponder**

1. Consider how Paul emphasizes holiness in the life of men who he wants to pray. Why is holiness important to God in your daily prayer life? Do you consider holiness important in your prayer life? If so how is holiness visible or not visible in your life?
2. Consider how anger and being argumentative are seen as barriers to effective prayer. Why are these traits so disastrous for a person’s prayer life? Could anger or arguments be affecting your prayer life?