

## **Evangelistic Prayer, Part 2**

*John MacArthur*

### I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 1 Timothy 2.
- B. The soul winner must be a master of the art of prayer.
- C. There are five elements of evangelistic praying including: nature, scope and benefit.

### II. Benefit of prayer: it will expedite evangelistic effort.

- A. The result of this is a quiet and peaceable life.
- B. The church is never to be a political agitator. (2 Thessalonians 3)
- C. We are to seek to make those opposed to the church friends. We are to be models to everyone around us.
- D. The kind of life we live should be marked by reverence. We should live in such a way as not to be perceived as a threat to society.
- E. We are to love our enemies and pray for the salvation of our persecutors. (Matthew 5)

### III. The reason for evangelistic prayer.

- A. We pray for the lost because it is morally right to do so.
  - 1. The lost are saved from hell and judgment. It would be the greatest benefit for all.
  - 2. Jesus does not pray for the world, but what he means is that he is not praying for the success of the world. He did pray for the salvation of the world. (John 17:9; 3:16; 1 John 2)
- B. We pray for the lost because it is acceptable to God and consistent with his will.
  - 1. God is the Savior. The saving purpose is in his heart. (Titus 1:3; 2:10; 3:4; Isaiah 43:3, 11; Luke 1:47)
  - 2. The saving purpose of God is world-wide. (Isaiah 45:22; 49:6; Ezekiel 18:23, 30; 33:10; 2 Peter 3:9; Acts 17; John 3:16)
  - 3. God wills that everyone would be saved but their own volition is acting upon them still.

**Application Questions:**

1. Why should we not attempt to bring world change through politics?

---

---

2. Why should we pray for our enemies?

---

---

3. Who will you commit to praying for more in light of the message? What can you do to maximize your commitment?

---

---