

Leaders Are People Too! So, Pray for Them

2 Timothy 2:1-4

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2 Timothy 2:1-2

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2 Timothy 2:3-4

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2 Timothy 2:1b (wrong)

¹ “Ask God to judge them; intercede for their destruction and curse them. (The Hypocrypha)”

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Luke 6:28

“Bless those who curse you.
Pray for those who hurt you.”

Matthew 5:44

“But I say, love your enemies!
Pray for those who persecute you!

John 14:21

“(Jesus said) “Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me.”

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Faithful (Ephesians 6:19-20) – “Stand firm and not give up.”

¹⁹ And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God’s mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike.²⁰ I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God’s ambassador. So, pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for Him, as I should.”

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Filled (Luke 24:49) – Filled with Jesus

⁴⁹ “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

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Fruitful (2 Thessalonians 3:1) – Seeing pastors and other ministry leaders grow in their relationship with Jesus helps their congregations as well.

“Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord’s message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you.”