



MAKING GOD SMILE "By Caring for Others" 1 Timothy 2:1-8

No. 4242

Stuart Briscoe

We have seen that an attitude of trusting obedience towards the Lord and careful attention to our personal behavior are vital if we are to please God. In this passage we will see that proper attitudes towards other people merit the smile of His approval, too.

I. Caring for Others "Is Good and Pleases God Our Savior." v. 3

- A. God created us for relationships.
- B. God involves us in His saving activity.

II. Caring for Others by Supporting Them in Prayer. v. 1

- A. Prayer is to be seen as a necessity and a priority—"first of all."
- B. Prayer is to be all embracing—"everyone."
- C. Prayer involves:
 1. Requests.
 2. Prayers.
 3. Intercessions.
 4. Thanksgiving.

III. Caring for Others Requires Concern for Their Social Well-being. v. 2

- A. Concern for the political structures of society—"kings, those in authority."
- B. Concern for the law and order of society—"peaceful, quiet."
- C. Concern for the moral and spiritual tone of society—"godliness, holiness."

IV. Caring for Others Means Seeing Them as God Sees Them. v. 4

- A. God sees them as needing salvation—"wants all men to be saved."
Saved from:
 1. Sin's penalty.
 2. Sin's presence.
 3. Sin's power.
- B. God sees them as needing truth—"Knowledge of the truth."
 1. Human problems began when truth was questioned. Genesis 3:1
 2. Human ills developed when truth was substituted. Genesis 2:17
 3. Human disintegration continues as truth is obscured.

V. Caring for Others by Sharing the Good News. vv. 5-6

- A. The good news that there is "one God."
 1. No pantheon of fractious contentious petty deities.
 2. One God the Creator and sustainer of "everyone."
- B. The good news that there is "one Mediator."
 1. He stands between God and man.
 2. He "gave Himself as a ransom."

VI. Caring for Others by Embracing Your Role in Their Affairs. v. 7

- A. Paul knew his—"herald, apostle, teacher."
- B. Do I know mine?

VII. Caring for Others by Nurturing Appropriate Relationships. v. 8

- A. "Holy hands."
- B. "Without anger and disputing."