

## Taking Part in the Desire and Pleasure of God

1 Timothy 2:1-7  
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David Platt - *There's really only one thing worse than being lost. What's worse is being lost when no one is trying to find you.*

### 1. God's Desire: All People to Be Saved :: vv. 3-4

2 Peter 3:8-9  
Luke 15 Parables

### 2. God's Plan: Jesus as Savior and Lord :: vv. 5-6

**1 Peter 3:18** - *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.*

Jesus as our ransom

### 3. God's Means: The Prayers of the Church :: vv. 1-2

Why is prayer so important in evangelism? Because we are completely powerless in evangelism.

*Supplications* - Direct request made to God on behalf of someone else for a specific need.

*Prayers* - Bringing someone to God for His general blessing and care

*Intercessions* - Formal petition on behalf of someone else.

*Thanksgivings* - Prayers that express thankfulness to God, rooted in confidence by reflecting on God's past actions and expressing confidence in his future actions.

#### 4. God's Messengers: The Church :: v. 7

Ephesians 3:8-10 - It is through the church that the manifold wisdom of God is spread throughout the world.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Give me opportunities to witness to \_\_\_\_\_.

Give my eyes to see the opportunities to witness to \_\_\_\_\_.

Give me boldness to take the opportunities to witness  
to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Meditation**

What has changed about my understanding of God?

What did Scripture teach me about myself?

What needs to change in my life as a result of this sermon?

For whom can I pray for them to be saved?