

A Call to the Men!

1 Timothy 2.8

a challenge to assumed gender roles

1. Praying – a Positive Role for Men

- **purposeful: rooted in God's passion for humanity**
 - *he wants all to be saved v4*
 - *see the end goal ! Rev 7.9-10*
- **important: it makes a difference**
 - *to the pace of Gospel spread and acceptance 2 Thess 3.1*
 - *by opening up opportunities Col 4.2*
 - *by breaking down opposition 2 Cor 10.4-5*
- **plenty of great role models:**
**Abraham, Moses, Samuel,
Elijah, Daniel, Nehemiah,
Peter, Cornelius, Paul, Jesus**

2. Praying – Important Practicalities

- **the place – wherever we are!**
beacons of light Mal 1.11
- **our posture – what's in our heart?**
Mat 12.34; 15.18
 - **standing was normal Mk 11.25**
 - **hands held up to God above**
1 Kings 8.22; Ps 28.2; 134.2
Ex 17.11-13
 - **seated for conversation**
2 Sam 7.18
 - **kneeling in humility, submission**
Eph 3.14; Acts 20.36; 21.5
Lk 22.41; Mat 8.2; 9.18
 - **flat out, face down:**
in grief Dt 9.18,25
in praise 1 Chron 29.20
 - **expectant eyes Ps 123.1-2**
humble eyes Lk 18.13
 - **no exhibitionism Mat 6.5-6**

- **our purity - essential** *Is 1.15-16;*
Ps 24.3-5; 1 Pet 3.12
- **our interpersonal relationships**
no anger – with circumstances
Rom 8.28
– with other people
Mat 5.14-15; Heb 12.14-15
no arguments - with God
- with other people
Ps 133.1,3;
unity the key to blessing
Mat 18.19-20; 1 Peter 3.7