

# Youth Teaching Resources

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## Faith Matters:

### Lessons From Hebrews (August 7-28)

Jeremiah 18:1-11 – “Getting Into Shape”

### An Apostle’s Apprentice – Lessons from Timothy (Sept. 11-Oct 23)

1 Timothy 1:12-17 – “Bad Starts Can Be Redeemed”

**1 Timothy 2:1-7 – “It’s Not About You”**

1 Timothy 6:6-19 – “Find Contentment Where You Are”

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# It's Not About You

1 Timothy 2:1-7

## YOUTH Teaching Guide

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This youth teaching outline is designed to support THE BIBLE LESSON by Tony Cartlege, printed in *Baptists Today*. You can subscribe to either the digital or print edition of *Baptists Today* to access the lessons. Please also ensure that each person in your class has a copy of *Baptists Today* so they can prepare before the lesson.

## PARENT PREP

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It's my assumption that you pray for your children. I'm guessing it's a pretty good assumption, but the better question might be, when do you pray for your kids. Do you only pray for them after something has gone wrong? Do you pray for them when something big is coming up in their lives? Do you pray for them continuously? Prayers for you children shouldn't be popcorn prayers when something is needed, just like you shouldn't pop in and out of their lives only when you are needed. Remember, prayer isn't about you, or even your children, it's about God.

## TEACHING THE LESSON

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### Fellowship

Begin your session by showing the clip "Movie Prayer Montage". If you are unable to show the clip, summarize it to the best of your ability, and then facilitate a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) When were these prayers being prayed?
- 2) Which type of prayer do you best associate with?
- 3) What other types of prayer are there?
- 4) When do you pray?
- 5) What do you pray for when you pray?

## Information

Transition to the next section of the session by reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7. Allow the students to ask any initial questions they have about the text. As you answer their questions, you may want to provide some of the information found in Tony's commentary to answer their questions. When the students have had an opportunity to share their initial thoughts, continue the discussion by facilitating a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) What types of prayer are mentioned in this passage? What are these different types of prayer?
- 2) Who should we pray for? How might this differ from whom we actually pray for?
- 3) What does the writer of 1 Timothy say prayer is for?
- 4) These verses provide a confession of sorts in verses 5 and 6. What confessions are made? How does that confession compare to other confessions or beliefs you have heard?
- 5) Why would the writer of 1 Timothy continue to remind the readers that he was telling the truth?

If your group would like to dig deeper in their discussion, share some of the insights that Tony provides in the "Digging Deeper" portion of his commentary. You may want to use some questions like the following to facilitate your discussion:

- 1) Why is it difficult to pray for everyone?
- 2) How would you define "godliness"?
- 3) How many times is the word "all" used in this passage? What is the purpose of using the word this many times in the passage?

You may also want your group to discuss "The Hardest Question" if they would like to continue their discussion on this passage. Tony poses the following question to consider as "The Hardest Question": How should we understand the words for prayer that Paul uses in verse 1?

## Transformation

Conclude your session by having everyone write their name on a slip of paper and put it in a dish at the front of the room. When everyone has written their name and placed it in the dish, have everyone come back up and choose a name from the dish that isn't their own. Distribute paper and writing utensils to everyone and instruct them to write a prayer for the person they just drew out of the dish. Allow the students time to write their prayers and then have them give the prayer that they wrote to the person for whom they wrote the prayer.

Close with a prayer of silence and then conclude with a time of thankfulness to be able to come before God to share our life through prayer.