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We can bring honor to Jesus through our prayers.

1. We pray all kinds of prayers.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 1 Timothy 2:1 (ESV)

- Supplications (requests)
- Prayers
- Intercession
- Thanksgiving

2. We pray for all kinds of people.

...be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 1 Timothy 2:1b-3 (ESV)

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Romans 13:1 (ESV)

One of the best ways to witness is offering to pray with people in a crisis.

3. We pray for people far from God.

1. God desires all kinds of people to be saved.

who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:4 (ESV)

even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, Ephesians 1:4-5 (ESV)

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." Revelation 5:9-10 (ESV)

2. There is only one way to be saved.

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. 1 Timothy 2:5-7 (ESV)

No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. 1 Corinthians 10:20 (ESV)

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45 (ESV)

And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. Acts 13:48 (ESV)

We can take honor from Jesus through our lifestyle.

3. Men can steal honor from Jesus by praying with dirty hands or an angry heart.

I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; 1 Timothy 2:8 (ESV)

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. Psalm 24:3-4 (ESV)

4. Women can steal honor from Jesus by the way they dress.

...likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. 1 Timothy 2:9-10 (ESV)

Applications:

1. Church isn't just a place for learning. It is a place for praying all kinds of prayers.
2. We are called to pray for the leaders in our government.
3. God chose all kinds of people for his kingdom. Pray for the salvation of people from different backgrounds, not just the needs of our friends.
4. The only one way to be saved is through Jesus. Everyone else is worshipping a demon.
5. Men in the church should pray with clean hands and a pure heart.
6. Women in the church should not dress to take everyone's eyes off Jesus.

February 26 - 1 Timothy 2:8-15 - Men and Women in the Church.
February 26 - 1 Timothy 3:1-7 - Leaders in the Church.



1 Timothy 2:1-10

Praying and Living for the Honor of Jesus