

That We May Lead A Quiet And Peaceable Life...

I. Introduction:

A. If you do not understand a point in it's proper context you will come to false conclusions (**John 21:20-23**).

1. Thus, we have to handle aright the word of God (**II Timothy 2:14-18**).

2. Without twisting the truth (**II Peter 3:14-18**).

B. Additionally, if you want to prove something you already believe it is easy to twist Scriptures to justify false conclusions (**Matthew 12:10-12**; cf. **Hosea 6:4-6**).

1. You go to the Scriptures to find the truth (**John 5:39**), not prove your own conclusions (**Romans 10:1-3**).

2. People will seek to justify themselves against the truth (**Luke 10:25-29**).

3. Where does self-justification get anyone (**Luke 16:15**)?

II. Body: Let's Honestly Study An Oft Misunderstood Context (**I Timothy 1:18-2:4**).

A. Timothy was trusted to teach, war against that which caused people's faith to be shipwreck (**I Timothy 1:3-7**).

1. Timothy's "job", in brief (**I Timothy 4:1-16**, **I Timothy 6:11-21**, and **II Timothy 4:1-5**).

2. As was prophesied (**I Timothy 4:14**).

B. In Timothy's work, he was instructed to have supplications, prayers, intercession, giving of thanks for all men; including kings and those in authority (**Romans 10:1**).

1. Think of this from an evangelists perspective because that is who was written to here (i.e. **Acts 6:8-7:60**).

2. What was Paul's prayer (**Romans 10:1**)?

3. Now, what did/do all men (**Luke 6:22**, **Luke 21:17**, **John 17:14**, etc.) and kings in authority do to those who preach(ed) the truth (**Matthew 10:16-18**, **Acts 12:1-2**, etc.)?

4. Thus, the only reasonable conclusion that fits the context and the life of an evangelist: **Matthew 5:38-48!**

C. Praying for others so that "we" may lead a quiet [tranquil] and peaceable [still; undisturbed] life in all godliness and honesty (**II Peter 3:14**).

1. Does this mean carnal peace (**John 16:33**, **Acts 14:22**, **II Timothy 3:12**, and **I Peter 4:12-16**)?
2. How do we arrive at peace (**Romans 8:6**)?
3. Would, in any way, the world be able to give us peace and quiet (**John 14:27**; cf. **I Corinthians 14:33** and **Colossians 3:15**)?
4. Living godly and honestly (**Acts 24:16** and **Romans 12:17-18**).

D. It is good to pray for all men because God wants all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (**II Peter 3:9-11**).

1. We can/should stand before God and plead for Him to be longsuffering with humanity that they might have the same opportunity to be saved as we have had (**Jeremiah 18:20**).
2. Remember, God waited before destroying the earth once before (**I Peter 3:20**).
3. Think about what Jesus did (**Luke 23:33-34**) and what that led to (**Acts 2:14-41**).
3. If you continued reading through the context this sermon is based upon, you find this context is about teaching, salvation, and faithful living – NOT about carnal peace on earth (**I Timothy 2:5-15**).

III. Conclusion: The quiet and peaceable life (**Philippians 4:4-9**).