

Key Words of the Christian Life

Intercession: Caring and Praying
1 Timothy 2:1-4

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- C. Believers Should Care and Intercede**

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Why is it as Christians, we should care about others?

The opportunities to help are overwhelming but that can never be an excuse to do nothing.

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A. Jesus Cares and Intercedes

Romans 8:34 *“Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.”*

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A. Jesus Cares and Intercedes

He is interceding for us in two ways:

- 1. As our Advocate**
- 2. As our High Priest**

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A. Jesus Cares and Intercedes

As Our Advocate.....

1 John 2:1 *“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense (an advocate)—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.”*

1 John 1:9 *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*

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A. Jesus Cares and Intercedes

As Our High Priest...

**Jesus intercedes to keep us from sinning.
It isn't necessary for us to sin!! Then why
do we do it?**

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A. Jesus Cares and Intercedes

Hebrews 4:14-16... *“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”*

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A. Jesus Cares and Intercedes

Hebrews 7:25... *“Therefore he is able to save completely (forever) those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.”*

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B. The Holy Spirit Cares and Intercedes

Romans 8:26-27 says this *“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.”*

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B. The Holy Spirit Cares and Intercedes

According to Jude 20, we should be praying...

- **In the Holy Spirit**
- **To the Father**
- **Through the Son**

It is the Holy Spirit who helps us to pray in the will of God.

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C. Believers Should Care and Intercede

1 Timothy 2:1-4...*“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— ²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”*

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C. Believers Should Care and Intercede

Here's what all this says:

- 1. All believers are to pray**
- 2. We are to pray for everyone, lost and believers alike**
- 3. We are to specifically pray for those in authority**
- 4. When we do this, it pleases God**
- 5. God wants ALL MEN to be saved and know Him**

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C. Believers Should Care and Intercede

There are wonderful examples of intercessors in the Bible:

- **Abraham**—Had it not been for his prayers, Lot would not have been delivered from Sodom.
- **Moses**—He met God on the mountaintop and interceded for the children of Israel. In fact, he offered himself to die on their behalf.
- **Daniel, Ezra & Nehemiah** were all great intercessors, as was **Paul**.