Deeper Study Guide

Study: O' Give Thanks for America
Scripture: I Timothy 2.1-2
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Objective: to express gratitude for America while recognizing that the laws, institutions, and political processes that shape our nation are still evolving.

How we pray to give O' Give Thanks for America:

1. The _____: v1. Therefore, I exhort first of all that **supplications**, **prayers**, **intercessions,** and giving of thanks be made for all men, v2. For kings and **all who are in authority**....

'Don't just *criticize* our nation, *pray* for it.'

We have responsibility to pray for our nation's leaders:
- Supplication – Bring our nation's needs before God
- Prayer – Seek God's clarity, wisdom, and direction for our nation
- Intercession – Stand in the gap for our nation's political leadership that they will be given a spirit of clarity, wisdom, and direction for our nation.

'Praying for those in office is not political support; it is an act of obedience to God.'

'We may not have control over every decision made by those in authority, but we can faithfully intercede on their behalf before the One who has ultimate authority over all.' Proverbs 21.1 (NKJV)

Reflection: Do you genuinely pray for our nation's political leaders even when their political policies and positions differ from those you support?

2. The _____: v1b. and **giving of thanks** be made for all men, 2a. for kings and all who are in authority.

Don't take God's blessings for *granted*.

'Giving thanks for those in authority recognizes that our trust is not centered on man but in God, who is working all things together for our good and according to His divine purpose.'

'We must never become so focused on what is wrong with America that we forget to thank God for what He has done for America.'

Prayer of thanksgiving:
- Thank God for the freedoms and liberties we enjoy
- Thank God for the privilege of religious liberty
- Thank God for His continued blessings over our nation
- Thank God for those who sacrificed their lives for our nation
- Thank God for the church where His blessings flow

3. The _____: v.2b. that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 'Let us not forget that the purpose of prayers is for everyone in our nation to live a **quiet** and **peaceful** lives, marked by **godly** living, and reverence for God.' Psalms 33.12 (KJV)

4. Pray for **MAGA** – **M**ake **A**merica **G**odly **A**gain - Proverbs 14.34 (NLT)

a) **The American Experiment** - Can a nation remain united under a constitutional system of representative government, rather than under the rule of a king or hereditary monarchy, and protect the individual freedoms, differing beliefs, and competing interests of its people?

b) **Constitution, Culture, and Church** – How they all work together to shape our nation's values, moral foundation, political decisions, economic principles and ultimately, the future and direction of our nation.
   - **Constitution** – establishes the framework of government, distributes political power, protects individual rights, and establishes the rule of laws.
   - **Culture** – reflects the shared values, beliefs, traditions, behaviors, and social expectations that influence how people live and what they expect from their government.
   - **Church** – influence culture through biblical teachings, moral principles, faith, service, personal responsibility, and the promotion of godly values.

5. **Politics, Parties, and Politicians** - Overseers of the Government

a) **Politics**: is a set of ideas and principles, advocated by a group of people, to establish and exercise governance over a population, shaping how people live.
   - Set of ideas (Demorarcy, Socialism, Communism)
   - Advocated by a group of people
   - Governance of the people
   - Affects the lives of its citizens

b) **Parties**: organized groups of people who share common political ideas, and goals and work to gain influence over the culture and secure political power to control government and shape the nation's public policies.

c) **Politicians**: individuals who represent a political party and seek to influence culture, through the party's ideas to gain public office and political power to shape government policies.

Qualifications: Exodus 18.17-23, Proverbs 29.2
- Able men – competent and able to lead
- Fear God – reverence God and recognize His authority
- Truthful – men of integrity who can be trusted
- Not covetousness – not motivated by greed, bribery, or personal benefit
- Appoint them over – groups of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens.