

Remember 1 Timothy 2:1-2

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BIG SANDY, Texas—As I watch the onslaught of initiatives attempted by personnel of the United States government, I shake my head in disbelief. I don't know which is more amazing—the tenacity of the administration, the liberal bias of much of the mainstream media or the passivity of the electorate.

There has been an obvious benefit from all this nonsense. Now I have a greater impetus to practice 1 Timothy 2:1-2. Since the decisions of the federal government are making our life more uncomfortable, there is a greater motivation for supplication (which includes fasting).

Do you find yourself praying for a quiet and peaceable life for our country?

Do you find yourself praying for our civil leaders to stand strong against foolish actions?

I find myself admiring a lot of what I see about Jan Brewer, the governor of Arizona. For instance, I appreciated what she wrote on her Facebook page on May 21, 2010. Some management members of the Phoenix Suns professional basketball team gave public dissent to the Arizona law during a play-off basketball game back in May.

Here is how she responded: "What if the owners of the Suns discovered that hordes of people were sneaking into games without paying? What if they had a good idea who the gate-crashers are, but the ushers and security personnel were not allowed to ask these folks to produce their ticket stubs, thus non-paying attendees couldn't be ejected? Furthermore, what if Suns' ownership was expected to provide those who sneaked in with complimentary eats and drink? And what if, on those days when a gate-crasher became ill or injured, the Suns had to provide free medical care and shelter?"

I enjoy praying for the civil leaders displaying wisdom.

However, I seek to also pray for the civil leaders who are displaying foolish actions.

In essence, we should pray for all civil leaders—"that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life."