

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment .

Not long ago, I attended a national convention of Christian leaders. During one of the meetings a well-known preacher publicly berated one of our former presidents and his administration. As I listened, I found myself thinking, “Sure, we should be angry over sin, but maybe it would be more productive if our dear brother called us to pray for the former president and his family.”

Certainly, leaders need to be held accountable. We all do. But we need to guard against thinking we're incapable of doing the very things others have done. Leaders are people, too; they're subject to failure. They need our prayers.

First Timothy chapter 2, verses 1 through 4, say; “First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers and petitions and thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.”

I want to make three quick observations here. Number one; we are commanded to pray for our leaders. If we don't pray for them, we're sinfully disobeying. Then, secondly, our personal well-being is affected by our prayers for our leaders. If we want an environment conducive to the spread of the Gospel and full of integrity, we need to pray for our leaders. Number three; God is concerned about the salvation of our leaders. He wants all of them to come to the truth. We need a heart of compassion that cries out to God for the spiritual well-being of those in authority over us.

Here's what I want you to remember today. Don't get angry. Pray. Ask God to do His work in their lives.