

# Daily Prayer

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Today's prayer is based on I Timothy 3.14-15, ESV.

*I hope to come to you soon,*

Lord, thank you for both Paul's heart for Timothy  
and for his shrewdness in his mentoring.

Here he states his desire to come for a personal visit -

*but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay,*

and here he makes good use of his time by his letter-writing.

And what is in this letter?

*you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God,*

Nothing less than how we should behave in God's household.

Lord, if I want to know what you expect from me as I claim to be yours,  
here it is.

Give me understanding, and build this knowledge into me in a deep way.

*which is the church of the living God,*

This is not make believe. This is not myth. This is not fairy tale.

This is the real deal. There is a living God. This is how he wants me to live.

*a pillar and buttress of the truth.*

A pillar supports that which is above it, that which is built over it. It holds up.

A buttress strengthens and supports the walls. It holds together.

It is the living God himself who holds up and holds together his people, including me.

Lord, hold me up and hold me together,

for Jesus and His kingdom's sake. Amen.

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Let us sing a new song, not with our lips, but with our lives.

Augustine

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