

GODLY WOMEN & THE LOCAL CHURCH (1 Timothy 2:8-15)

A. Instructions Concerning FALSE DOCTRINE and CHURCH DISCIPLINE. (1)

B. Instructions Concerning PUBLIC WORSHIP and POTENTIAL LEADERS. (2-3)

1. The PRACTICE and PRIORITY of PRAYER in the LOCAL CHURCH. (2:1-7)

2. The PRACTICE of MEN LEADING in PRAYER in the LOCAL CHURCH. (2:8)

Prayer in the local church when it assembles for worship is to be led by _____ involving various _____ of prayer to be practiced _____ and offered _____ regardless of the physical posture _____ wrath and _____. (2:8)

3. The PRACTICE & PLACE OF WOMEN in THE LOCAL CHURCH (1 Timothy 2:9-15)

a. A CONTEXTUAL OBSERVATION - 1 Timothy chapters 2 & 3 especially address primarily the conduct of Christians and issues in the _____. (3:14-15)

b. The Exhortations Regarding a Christian WOMAN'S EXTERNAL APPEARANCE. (2:9-10)

1. The *directive* is for Christian women to _____ themselves. (2:9a) What can you learn from this? God treats adult Christian women _____ with the ability and freedom to make their ___ choices regarding what they wear within the guidelines of Scripture.

2. The *dress that women are to wear* is _____. (2:9b) What can you learn from this? God, while allowing for various styles and preferences, wants Christian women to dress in a _____ fashion.

3. The *discretion* needed in the choice of apparel involves _____ and _____. (2:9c) What can you learn from this? God wants women to exercise _____ and _____ with seriousness of spiritual purpose when selecting and wearing their clothing. What did inappropriate adornment involve in that day? (2:9d) What can you learn from this? While the world emphasizes the externals, God emphasizes the _____ reflected by appropriate _____.

4. The *declaration* of the Christian woman's _____ ("I've been saved & personally know Jesus Christ") should be accompanied by appropriate externals such as _____. (2:10)

Some questions for a Christian woman to ask herself:

- Does your _____ reflect your _____?
- Are you known for your _____ or good _____?
- Is your clothing spiritually _____ or sensually _____?
- Does your clothing draw attention to _____ or to the _____?
- Do you base your standards on _____ or God's _____?
- Is the bottom line personal _____ or public _____?
- Is your choice of clothes based on your _____ or _____?
- Is your appearance a _____ for Christ or a _____ to others?
- Does your appearance reflect godly _____ or worldly _____?

Three NECESSARY CLARIFICATIONS:

- 1) Both men and women are _____ to God and created in the _____. (Gen.1:28)
- 2) There is _____ between men and women _____ in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3; Col. 2:10; 2 Peter 1:2-4; Gal. 3:26-28) How does this occur?
- 3) There are many _____ to be done by Christian men and women in the spiritual realm and local church. What are some examples of this?
- 4) There are to be some divinely designed _____ between men and women in the _____ and the _____. (Eph. 5:22-25, 33)

c. Exhortations Regarding a Christian WOMAN'S ACTIVITIES in the Local Church. (2:11-15)

1. A woman should _____ the Scriptures in _____ and with entire _____. (2:11)
God wants Christian women to learn God's Word like men, but to repeatedly do so in God's designed way (in submission) with the right mental attitude (without strife & verbal protest or interruptions).

2. A woman should not _____ the Scriptures to _____. (2:12) What does this not prohibit a woman to do?

3. A woman should not have _____ over _____ in the local church. (2:12-14)

* How is this imperative rationalized away by some today? The Bible isn't true. (Psalm 12:6; Prov. 30:5); the Bible is outdated; times have changed. (Matt.24:35); Paul was a male chauvinist women-hater (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet.1:21); this was simply accommodating a male-dominated society; this was a local problem of some female false teachers usurping authority. (1 Tim.2:13-14)

* What are the 2 reasons given for this prohibition? (2:13-14) They are based upon ...

1) the _____ order: "For Adam was formed first, then Eve."

2) the _____ into sin: "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression."

* Where or how else do the Scriptures support this? No female apostles chosen by our Lord; no female writers of the Scriptures; 1 Tim. 3:1; the qualifications of a pastor are all written in the male gender (Greek); certain pastoral qualifications would be impossible for a woman to fulfill

* Why don't churches follow this today? It is because ... they reject the authority or sufficiency of the WOG; they wrongly interpret the Scriptures; they want to be PC instead of PC in faithfulness to God; they belong to churches that are either officially or unofficially run by women; due to the shortage of godly men they seek to pragmatically meet the needs of the church (which is no excuse to violate the WOG).

4. A woman's primary influence & ministry is generally in the _____ as a wife / mother. (2:15)

- What does "she shall be saved in childbearing" mean? What condition is stated for this to occur?

Christian women need to recognize that their home is their first congregation [unless single] where they serve the Lord with their husband [if married]. Their home will give them abundant opportunities to lead their children to Christ, to teach others the WOG, and to minister to the saints, though they can serve in many ways in their local church. What a blessing godly women can be in their home & church if they follow God's design - if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.