

2:8-10 The Adornment of the Saints 02 Women

Series: 1 Timothy

Reading 1 Timothy 2:8-15 August 6<sup>th</sup> 2017

We have been looking at what Paul wrote to Timothy. Here at the end of chapter two, he is getting into the basics of how to behave in church. This is the purpose and the reason for the letter according to 1 Timothy 3:15. It was to give Timothy written guidance that he could use. He starts by detailing some of the things that men and women struggle with and shows us how we are supposed to be living. For men, particularly in church, we are to be leading our families in prayers and worship. It is our job and it is one that we need to be reminded to do. We tend to let it drift away from us. We think of all the physical and logical things we need to do and we drift away from our foundation. Today we will start to look at the guidance that is given to women. It is different, yet just as Paul looked at men and saw an area that he needed to address, so he looks at the churches of his day and sees two areas for women. We will start looking at the first area that he addresses this week, the area of dress.

- Paul is here starting to get specific. First He addresses men and women separately as they are different, with different roles and needs. Complementarianism vs. egalitarianism = complements or equals?
  - 1 Timothy 3:14-15 “<sup>14</sup> These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; <sup>15</sup> but if I am delayed, *I write* so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”
  - 1 Timothy 2:8 “I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;”
    - Godly men are submissive to God and lead / point their families and churches toward God.
    - Lifting up holy hands
      - Is not a posture for prayer. We have examples of standing and bowing down before God. It is our hearts. Holy hands.
      - Showing your hands is about intent. Police officer wants to see your hands so he knows you aren’t armed. Here Paul takes it a bit further, and calls us to show holy hands. We are to be above reproach. Showing holy hands. Proving our innocents by the practices we endorse.
      - Without wrath and doubting.
        - Wrath of man
          - James 1:19-21 “<sup>19</sup> So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; <sup>20</sup> for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”
        - Doubting
          - We lead in faith, in trusting that God is true.
          - **\*\*\* This presupposes that we truly know God as our Savior! \*\*\***
            - Do we see a new heart that desires righteousness, hates sin, hates evil, loves God, His Word and His people?
  - 1 Timothy 2:9-10 “<sup>9</sup> in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, <sup>10</sup> but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.”
    - He now starts to teach the roles of men and women.
    - Complementarianism vs. egalitarianism
      - Men are women are different, not just in form and appearance, but in design and function.
      - Traditional view and the biblical view. Each was created different, with different functions.
        - 1 Timothy 2 and 3 is one of the strongest supports for this understanding.
      - Egalitarian –

- **Galatians 3:27-29** <sup>27</sup> “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”
  - Salvation. There is one way, one salvation...
  - **Galatians 1:8-9** <sup>8</sup> “But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. <sup>9</sup> As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.”
- **Ephesians 4:1-6** <sup>1</sup> “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, <sup>2</sup> with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.”
  - But ... He gave gifts according to His grace... Each one gets what God gives... different gifts.
  - Similar salvation, similar value, different roles and responsibilities.
- Two commands for women in church.
  - Again we see this focusing specifically on their behavior in church.
    - **1 Timothy 2:11** “Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.” – In church.
    - **1 Corinthians 14:34-35** <sup>34</sup> “Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but *they are* to be submissive, as the law also says. <sup>35</sup> And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church.” Here is listed as “...in the churches...”
  - **1Ti 2:9-10** <sup>9</sup> “in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, <sup>10</sup> but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.”
    - Adornment – What is to be noticed.
      - False adornments – Braided hair, gold or pearls or costly clothing....
        - Ancient cultures: Extensive braids with jewels and gold in their hair, died clothes.
        - It isn't a prohibition toward wearing a braid in your hair, but toward the focus on the outward.
          - **1 Peter 3:1-6** <sup>1</sup> “Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, <sup>2</sup> when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear. <sup>3</sup> Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward-- arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel-- <sup>4</sup> rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. <sup>5</sup> For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup> as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.”
            - Different context, but notice the similarities.
          - **Vs. 3** Only translation that uses “*merely*” outward.
          - **Vs. 4** Rather the hidden person of the heart.
            - Child discipline, or our own behavior, we are to focus on the heart. Actions speak louder than words. Obedience vs. prominence.

- The whole New Testament focuses on the heart, not on a set of rules. The scripture gives guidance on how this should play out, but it is not to be used as some arbitrary rule book on dress code.
- Sum –
  - Modest apparel. That gives a lot of room, but is also sets limits. It isn't to draw attention to you, either by its excess or by its lack. The clothing should allow the heart and actions of the person to show through, especially in the Church, without calling attention to the physical.
  - Propriety and Moderation –
    - It wasn't to be a distraction. It might be modest, but it called attention to the person.
  - **Vs. 10** ... With good works. Gentle, quiet, obedience, helping....
  - Priority is Christ. Are we getting in the way of the preaching of the Word? Will people be talking about us, our clothes, looking at us, or at the Word?
- Part 2 – Not allowed to teach or take authority over a man.
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**2Co 13:14** “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.”