

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for May 1-2, 2004

"Our Conduct as the Church"

1 Timothy 2:8-10

The instructions that Paul gives in 1 Timothy 2:8-10 are for the church body, not necessarily inside the church building.

1. Proper appeal of men before God

a. A good relationship with God

1) Men should seek to pray

- Our prayers are hindered by our lack of prayer (James 4:2)

2) Men should seek holiness

- Our prayers are hindered by our sinfulness (Psalm 66:18)

Various prayer postures are found in the Bible. The emphasis is not upon the body but upon the heart.

b. A good relationship with others

1) Men should avoid wrath

- Our prayers are hindered by our conflict (1 Peter 3:7)

2) Men should avoid doubting

The last word in 1 Timothy 2:8 could mean either dissent (NASB) or doubting (NKJV).

- Our prayer is limited by our faith (James 1:6-7)

2. Proper adornment of women before people

a. Good adornment

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Modest: Having a disinclination to call attention to oneself; Observing conventional proprieties in speech, behavior, or dress. Free from showiness or ostentation; unpretentious.

Discreet: Showing prudence and wise self-restraint in speech and behavior; circumspect. Free from ostentation or pretension.

Modesty is free from showiness.

This goes beyond our attire to any adornment.

Modesty is culturally based.

A cross-cultural indicator of modesty is cost.

Our model is Jesus (Isaiah 53:2)

The point of this verse is to emphasize the importance of internal adornment (cf. 1 Peter 3:3-4)

b. Good works

- We are created for good works (Ephesians 2:10)
- Doing good works is something we learn (Titus 3:14)
- We can help others do good works (Hebrews 10:24)
- God's Word equips us for good works (2 Timothy 3:17)
- Our good works bring praise to God (Matthew 5:16)
- Our good works will be rewarded (1 Timothy 6:18-19)

The connection between 1 Timothy 2:8 and 2:9-10 is humility.