

1 Timothy 2:8-10

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I. Men, God calls us to pray/worship in holiness not anger (8)

- A. The practice of prayer
- B. The posture of prayer
- C. The position of holiness not anger

II. Women, God calls us to pray/worship adorned in what pleases him, not ourselves- (9-10)

- A. An adornment of respectable apparel, modesty and self-control (9a)
- B. An adornment which rejects immodest or ostentatious attire (9b)
- C. An adornment of godliness (10)

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What do we see in the context that helps us know this teaching applies to us today and not just the church in Ephesus (Hint: the law is good if one uses it lawfully 1:8ff; the gospel is for sinners 1:15; the church must pray for all people to be saved 2:1-7; his “desire that in every place the men should..., likewise women should...” 2:8ff)?
2. How do we know that Paul isn’t only concerned with outward appearances (angry men leading prayers or women immodestly or ostentatiously adorned)?
3. Paul seems to address besetting sins for men and women that distract from worship, why is God concerned with the way His church worships Him? How does this attention to our heart change how the church worships God?
4. In what way(s) is God calling us to change our approach/understanding of the Sunday gathering? How should the men of our church practice this even when they aren’t leading public prayers? How should the women of our church train one another in proper adornment without falling into legalism?