

Desiring God or Desiring Attention (June 28th)

THE COMMUNITY

Memorize 1 Timothy 1:5 – *“The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.”*

1. What is your favorite ice cream flavor?
2. From your time at corporate worship – the people, music, sermon, serving in a ministry – what encouraged, moved, or excited you? What questions came up for you?

THE BIBLE (*Websites - biblegateway.com, blueletterbible.org, biblos.com, ccel.org*)

3. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-15 each day this week. Use the websites above to read it in different versions. What observations do you have? What words or phrases stand out to you?
4. From 1 Timothy 2, why are women asked to dress modestly and not be distracting? How can we, the Church, help the cause of noticing women for their godly actions?

THE APPLICATION

5. In your attitudes, actions and outward appearance, are you displaying a desire for God or a desire for attention? What adjustment(s) do you need to make in these areas?

6. How do you define modesty? How do you determine when the line has been crossed to immodesty? How does this align with glorifying God?

7. How do you respond to the perspective that Paul is calling both men and women to live in contrast to the standard images of male and female in the Roman world?

SERMON NOTES

Romans 12:1-2

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ²Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. (NLT)

I. The _____ of Godly Women (Verse 9)

- A. Decent and appropriate _____ in proper settings (Is. 61:10)
- B. Hair adorned in a way _____.

1 Peter 3:3-4

Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. ⁴You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God. (NLT)

Daughters, are you trying to be noticed any way you can?

II. The _____ of Godly Women (Verse 9-10)

- A. Humility - _____ as to distract worshippers from God. (Matthew 18:6-7,10)
- B. Self-controlled - your _____ are under control - don't lust to be lusted after.

Philippians 2:5

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. (NLT)

Daughters, are you desiring to gain all attention to yourself and excite men with your looks and attitude?

III. The _____ of Godly Women (Verse 10-11)

- A. _____ words of devotion to God (Ps. 19:14).
- B. Do _____ for God (James 1:27; Matt 25:36-38).
- C. Learn & listen to _____ - not as a know it all (Prov.1:5 Peter 2:1-2).

James 1:19

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. (NLT)

Daughters, are your words & actions aligned with your listening, learning & applying the Word of God?

Proverbs 31:10-31 is a model or template of the convergence of _____, _____ and _____ in a godly wife.

Conclusion: The apostle Paul is instructing Timothy in this portion of I Timothy on how to identify and instruct godly women. They are important and valuable to the ministry. Does the way you dress and carry yourself send a message that is consistent with the gospel of Jesus Christ?