

Which is more important?

- Your heart or your lungs?
- The refrigerator or the electrical outlet?
- The quarterback or the receiver?

They each have different functions,
but they must work together

*Paul's Letter to
the Disciple*

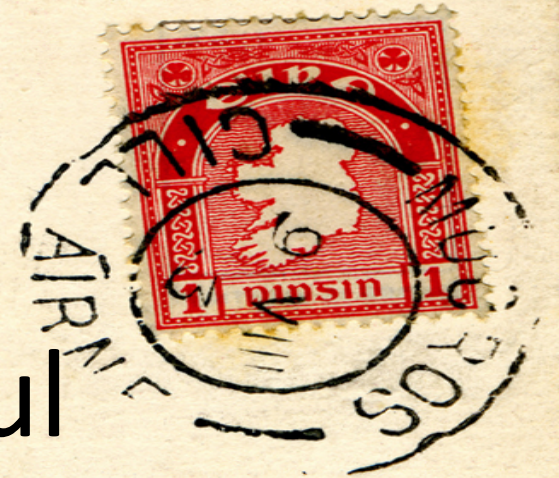


I Timothy

Inside and Out

Please keep in mind:

- I did not write 1 Timothy
- The Holy Spirit via the apostle Paul
 - "...I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God..." (3:15)



1 Tim. 2:9-15

1. A Godly Woman's Attire (9-10)
2. A Godly Woman's Attitude (11-15)



A Godly Woman's Attire

- I want women *to adorn* themselves
- Literal or figurative?
 - **Adorn** (from *kosmos - order*) – to arrange, to garnish, to decorate
 - **Clothing** – both *attire* and *deportment*
 - **Proper** (from *kosmos*) – *orderly*; decency, propriety; -> behavior (*respectable - 3:2*)



A Godly Woman's Attire

- *to adorn themselves with **decency** and **propriety** (see 1 Pet. 3:3-4)*
 - These are nouns, not adverbs
- **With** (*meta*) – *along with; in accordance with; or with an attitude of*



A Godly Woman's Attire

- **Decency** – respect & reverence
 - Self-respect that withholds oneself from anything shameful or dishonorable
- **Propriety** – *self-restraint* (see 2:15)
 - Self-control over the passions and desires; self-imposed limits on freedom



A Godly Woman's Attire

- I want women to adorn themselves
- Literal or figurative?
 1. “Enhance your natural beauty with the right heart attitude and conduct”
 2. “Use modesty and discretion when choosing your clothing”





A Godly Woman's Attire

- What would that hair style cost...
 - In time?
 - In energy?
 - Financially?
- To what end? What does it accomplish?
- What is your purpose for wearing *costly garments*?



A Godly Woman's Attire

- Instead, invest in good works!
 - Created for (Eph. 2:10)
 - Should be known for (1 Tim. 5:10)
 - Part of *eternal treasure* (1 Tim. 6:17-19)
 - Focus on acts of *charity* (2 Cor. 9:6-15)
 - *Bearing fruit* (Col. 1:11)
 - Should be taught / learned (Titus 3:14)



A Godly Woman's Attire

- *I want women to adorn themselves ...with that which is proper for women making a claim to godliness*
 - **Proper*** - *fitting; right* (Titus 2:1; Heb. 7:26)
 - **Godliness** - *reverence; God-fearingness*
- **IOW**: your *conduct* should reflect your *claim*; or *walk the talk* (see 3:15; 4:12)



A Godly Woman's Attitude

- This is what the Bible says:
 1. There is a distinction between the sexes (Gen. 1:27; 5:2; Matt. 19:4)
 2. This distinction is to be maintained (Deut. 22:5; Lev. 18:22 (cf. Rom. 1:26-27) ; 1 Cor. 11:14-15)



A Godly Woman's Attitude

- This is what the Bible says:

3. The man was created first

(Gen. 2:7-25; 1 Cor. 11:8; 1 Tim. 2:13)

4. Woman was created for man (Gen. 2:18-25; 1 Cor. 11:9)



A Godly Woman's Attitude

• This is what the Bible says:

5. The man was given *headship* (Gen. 2:15-17; 1 Cor. 11:3, 9; Eph. 5:22-33; Col. 3:18-19; 1 Pet. 3:1-6)
6. As the head, a husband is consistently called upon to exercise Christ-like servant-leadership in the home (Eph. 5:25-33; Col. 3:19; 1 Pet. 3:7)



A Godly Woman's Attitude

• This is what the Bible says:



7. A wife is consistently called upon to submit to her husband's leadership (Eph. 5:22-24; Col. 3:18; 1 Pet. 3:1)

8. Church leadership is to be men (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9)

A Godly Woman's Attitude

- There seems to be a pattern
- 1 Tim. 2:11-14 fits the pattern
- “Yeah, but...That’s all cultural!”
 - Criteria? Are you being consistent?
 - “Husbands, love your wives”?
 - “Children, obey your parents”?
 - All to governing authorities? (Rom. 13:1)



A Godly Woman's Attitude

- *Submission ≠ Value!*
 - Was Jesus *second-class*?
 - To His parents? (Luke 2:51)
 - To the Jewish leaders? (Matt. 26:51-54)
 - To Pilate? (John 19:10-11)
 - We all submit to someone (Rom. 13:1-7; Eph. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:13-17; James 4:7)



A Godly Woman's Attitude

- In Gen. 2, the command to not eat was given before Eve was formed
- Presumably, Adam was to instruct Eve
 - Apparently he did (Gen. 3:2-3)
- Eve was to submit to Adam's instruction
 - She said: "...we may eat..." (3:2)



A Godly Woman's Attitude

- In Gen. 3, Eve (being deceived) disobeyed Adam's instruction, and put herself in the place of God
 - She took the fruit and ate (6)
 - She gave also to her husband with her (12)
 - Adam listened to her instead of God (17)
- Must live with the monster she created (16)



A Godly Woman's Attitude

- Genesis 3

- Ignored instruction
- Disobeyed
- Usurped authority
- Cursed with pain in childbearing

- 1 Tim. 2

- Receive instruction
- *Submissiveness*
- Under authority
- *Preserved* through childbearing



A Godly Woman's Attitude

- What does verse 15 mean?
 - Verb tenses are very important
 - The woman having been deceived (*aorist passive*) has come to be (*perfect active*) in transgression
 - But she will be saved (*future passive*)
 - Context: *authority and submission*



A Godly Woman's Attitude

- *The woman has come to be in transgression, but she will be saved through childbearing*
 - *Transgression* of the gender roles
 - *Saved* from the state of transgression
 - By submitting to God's design (cf. 5:14)

Are you willing?



“Yeah, but...”

- “You’re saying this just because you’re a man!”

- When did God find out our gender?

- Did God have control over our gender?

- Is it possible that our gender has something to do with our sanctification?

- This may be all cultural; but we can still learn from it!



A Godly Woman's Attitude

- If they continue ...
 - **Faith** – acting on what God says
 - **Love** – the goal (1:5)
 - **Sanctity** – sanctification (see Rom. 6:19)
 - **Self-restraint** – *propriety* (see 2:9); self-control over the passions and desires; self-imposed limits on freedom



So What?

- Where do you find your value?
 - Appearance? (Prov. 31:30)
 - Self-expression? (Prov. 10:19)
 - Accomplishments? (1 Cor. 10:31)
 - Approval from others? (Gal. 1:10)
 - Or from your Creator?



So What?

- What's my heart attitude?
 - Am I willing to submit to God's design: at home? in church? in society?
 - Do I really know what that is?
 - Do I honor God with my submission, or do I do it grudgingly?

