

sermon notes

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July 23, 2023 | "Prayer, Propriety, and Position" | **1 Timothy 2:8-15**

1) Men need to pray without relational _____
(2:8)

2) Women need to pray without distracting _____
(2:9-10)

3) Women need to forego ecclesiastical _____
(2:11-15)

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read 1 Timothy 2:8. What does Paul want the men of the church to excel at? How can anger and quarrelling disrupt the spiritual health and the prayer lives of men in the church? Are men more susceptible to anger and quarreling than women? Why or why not?

Read 1 Timothy 2:9-15. Why is Paul more verbose with his instructions to the women in the church? Why is modesty such an important issue to him? What are some practical ways that women can guard themselves from attire that is immodest or distracting in the church? What though processes would be helpful to implement while dressing in order to honor God?

Why does God want men (i.e. elders) to lead the church? Why does he want men to lead their families? According to this passage, what specific tasks does God disallow for women in the church? What are some proper avenues of leadership and teaching for women in the church?

GET PERSONAL

Men, do you have issues of bitterness and anger that you are harboring in your heart? How might anger and argumentativeness be negatively affecting your spiritual life? Your leadership roles? Your prayer life? How might accountability with others help you grow in this area?

Women, have you ever struggled with a desire to dress to draw attention to your body? How can you change that mindset into one of wanting to draw attention to God? How might accountability with others help you grow?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

What roles do you currently hold in your home and at church (e.g. father, mother, husband, wife, teacher, SG leader, volunteer, etc.)? How has God gifted you to serve in those roles as a man or as a woman? If you have children, how is God using them to refine you and to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil 2:12)?

ADVANCED QUESTION

What does Paul mean by "I do not permit a woman to teach" (2:12)? Should women ever teach in the church? If so, where? For help answering these questions, see the following video with D.A. Carson and Tim Keller:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zShK_3DxxKs&t=3s

See also the video "Can women be pastors or deacons?" from Southern Seminary and Stephen Wellum:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zic0Q6foE_8