***The Pastoral Epistle's Series* *"Wise & Worshipful Womanhood"* 1 Timothy 2:9-15 - 1/27/18**

*How does God desire me to be wise and worshipful in my womanhood?*

**1 Timothy 2:9+10**

1) Woman Should Emphasize Spiritual Preparation & Beauty, More Than Physical Preparation & Beauty **\*Vs.'s 9+10**

It's not the 'outer looks' that should be a woman's primary concern, but her 'inner looks' - "good works", that fit her "claim to godliness".

Do you care more about, think more about, and spend more time, money, and more of your life - on working out, shopping and dolling-up - than you do on seeking, abiding, longing and serving the One, Who will then make you more godly?

Do you desire godliness, or to be glamorous? Do you desire the finer things in life or, the Father Who gives life?

Just like you have to give the thought, time and effort to look good, *far more importantly*, you have to give the thought, time and effort to look and *be* godly.

#### Godliness comes from spending time with, and hearing and learning from the Master (relationship!). Then as we begin apply, and repeat and apply - ­as the vicious kicks and blows of life come, we're able to instinctively respond in faith and obedience, avoiding any damage.

#### 1 Timothy 2:11-14

#### 2) Woman Are To Trust Their God-Ordained Roles In The Life Of The Church

#### We have had woman faithfully serving our Lord here for decades, *all over the place* - praise God!

#### God has used woman *a lot* in our church over the years, to make a great impact for His glory and kingdom. \*Vs.'s 11+12

#### It's clear, that women are to teach in God’s kingdom; any perceived inconsistencies are not because of God or the Bible, but because of our inability to fully understand and discern. We see in the Bible that women are to teach other women (Titus 2:3–5); and obviously it's fully permissible for women to teach children.

#### How do we reconcile 1 Tim. 2:12, with seeing women in the Bible instructing & exhorting mixed audiences - both publicly & privately (in both the Old & \*New Testaments - \*1 Cor.11:5, \*1 Cor.14:31)?

#### It's a specific kind of teaching that's prohibited to women, as the grammar indicates (1 Tim.2:12) - that it's teaching with authority.

#### A woman isn't to have authority as a pastor; and she is to refrain from teaching authoritatively in the church, with men present.

#### \*Vs.'s 13+14

#### Although Eve clearly sinned first, the Bible never *blames* Eve for the fall of the human race; in fact it blames Adam (Spiritual Headship - Romans 5:12).

#### 1 Timothy 2:15

#### 3) It Is Accomplished Through Being A Motherly Model

Salvation is here referring to a woman's "preservation", as it relates to her unique place in Christ's kingdom work - as she is to help raise her children *"in the fear and admonition of the Lord"*... As she *"continues in faith, love and sanctity, with self-restraint"*.

If a woman is unmarried or barren, she is to help raise (influence) other children (including those in the church), *"in the fear and admonition of the Lord"*, as she too *"continues in faith, love and sanctity, with self-restraint"*.