

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE



1 Timothy 2:9; 1 Peter 3:3-6--May 12th, 2024

Sermon Recap:

Biblical Beauty

I. What is Christian Modesty? (1 Timothy 2:9)

Immodesty is not just about flaunting your wealth, it is also about flaunting your body with the intention of drawing attention to yourself so that others will look upon you with approval or lustful desire. Paul addresses women in the church, instructing them to clothe themselves...

a. Properly

- Respectable or honorable
- V.10- profess godliness with good works- works, life and clothing reflect faith that is professed.
- Modesty, is an element of Christian character and our appearance should make the same profession that we do.

b. Modestly

- This is referring to a state of mind or attitude that is concerned with modesty and to dress modestly, reverence, awe, respect for the feeling or opinion of others or for one's own conscience."
- *Coram Deo- "in the presence of God"--live in awe and reverence before the face of God, living and dressing in a manner that would not bring disgrace or shame upon yourself.*

c. Discreetly

- This is one of good judgment, moderation, self-control, which when seen as a feminine virtue is seen as decency and chastity.
- Self-control and the ability to govern yourself.

Modesty is not first an issue of clothing or appearance. It is primarily an issue of the heart. "Christian modesty starts in the heart. It is self-government, rooted in a proper understanding of ourselves before the face of God, which outwardly displays itself in humility and purity from a genuine love for Jesus Christ, rather than in self-glorification, self-love, or self-advertisement."

II. What is Christian Beauty? (1 Peter 3:3-6)

Beauty isn't something that can be primarily seen in a mirror. Therefore, your value, ladies, is not found in what is visible.

a. Seen by God- hidden from man, but open and visible to God. Be concerned with how you appear to God, not to people.

b. Real- the beauty of the world is superficial. The real you is the hidden person created in the image of God.

c. Cultivated in the Heart- The heart is the seat of the affections and emotions. Your actions, attitudes, behaviors, your body will be true expression of your heart's profession.

d. Eternal- It is called imperishable. The body gets old, it fades, it withers, it dies, but true beauty is eternal.

e. Trusts in God- gentle, quiet, spirit is a reflection of peace that comes from trusting in God.

f. Fearless- meekness and quietness is an expression of trust and security, making a woman fearless in this world.

Your clothing point to the greater reality that Christ clothed your nakedness in his righteousness, making you beautiful.

Discussion Questions:

- What is the key instruction given to women in verse 9?
- What is the world's idea of modesty?
- What does Paul mean by "properly adorned?"
- What does Paul mean by "modesty?"
- What does Paul mean by "discreetly?"
- What is Christian modesty?
- Where does modesty begin?
- What is the world's standard of beauty?
- How does Peter define beauty (1 Peter 3:3-6)?
- What greater reality does our clothing point to?

Application:

- What has been your understanding of modesty?
- What has been your understanding of beauty?
- How has Paul and Peter confronted those ideas you held?
- What should a godly woman focus on rather than outward beauty?
- What temptations of immodesty do you need to repent of today?
- What practical ways could you as a woman, married couple, and/family foster modesty and beauty in your lives and home?

