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1 TIMOTHY

Chapter 02

PROPER MODESTY – PROPER PRAYER

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. In Chapter two, the Apostle Paul begins his instruction to the young Pastor Timothy.
1. Paul begins the instruction with prayer and ends with trust.
 2. In this study of Chapter two we will cover prayer in the church and women in the church.
 3. Please understand this will not be an in depth study on prayer.
 - a) If you desire more understanding in this area, I have done several teachings on prayer that are available on CD.

II. **1TIM 2:1 (NKJV) THEREFORE I EXHORT FIRST OF ALL THAT SUPPLICATIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, [AND] GIVING OF THANKS BE MADE FOR ALL MEN,**

- A. **1The 5:15 (NKJV) See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks;** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1. **Ephe 6:17 (NKJV) And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--**
 2. **Phil 4:6 (NKJV) Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**
 3. Paul starts this brief section telling Timothy that he needs to pray and he closes it the same way in verse eight.
 - a) Prayer is a direct link to the heart of the Lord - and Christians – we need to pray!

III. **1TIM 2:2 (NKJV) FOR KINGS AND ALL WHO ARE IN AUTHORITY, THAT WE MAY LEAD A QUIET AND PEACEABLE LIFE IN ALL GODLINESS AND REVERENCE.**

- A. **Rom 13:1 (NKJV) Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.**

1. The Lord has allowed and purposefully placed people in authority over us.
2. For the most part, they are there for our protection, and we are to submit to them.
3. If we do what is right, we have no need to fear them.
4. But as we know, not all of our leaders are Godly; **therefore we must pray without ceasing for all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.**

B. The Lord has the same chain of command and authority within the church for the same reasons.

1. **Hebr 13:17 (NKJV) Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.**
2. Now, this doesn't mean mindless submission or you will end up draped in a purple shroud wearing Nike tennis shoes and worshipping the Hale Bop Comet.
 - a) Or drinking poison laced Cool Aid simply because some wacko tells you to.
3. But it does mean not to give your leadership a hard time over issues that don't matter, and if it is not a matter of doctrine, it doesn't mater.

IV. 1TIM 2:3-4 (NKJV) FOR THIS [IS] GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE IN THE SIGHT OF GOD OUR SAVIOR, 4 WHO DESIRES ALL MEN TO BE SAVED AND TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.

- A. We should pray for all men and women's salvation, for it is the will of the Lord that all be saved.
1. But of course not all will. It is not our duty to decide who will or will not be saved, only to pray for their salvation.

V. 1TIM 2:5-8 (NKJV) FOR [THERE] [IS] ONE GOD AND ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN, [THE] MAN CHRIST JESUS, 6 WHO GAVE HIMSELF A RANSOM FOR ALL, TO BE TESTIFIED IN DUE TIME, 7 FOR WHICH I WAS APPOINTED A PREACHER AND AN APOSTLE--I AM SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN CHRIST [AND] NOT LYING--A TEACHER OF THE GENTILES IN FAITH AND TRUTH. 8 I DESIRE THEREFORE THAT THE MEN PRAY EVERYWHERE, LIFTING UP HOLY HANDS, WITHOUT WRATH AND DOUBTING;

A. Again we see the admonition to pray and leave the rest to the Lord.

VI. 1TIM 2:9-10 (NKJV) IN LIKE MANNER ALSO, THAT THE WOMEN ADORN THEMSELVES IN MODEST APPAREL, WITH PROPRIETY AND MODERATION, NOT WITH BRAIDED HAIR OR GOLD OR PEARLS OR COSTLY CLOTHING, 10 BUT, WHICH IS PROPER FOR WOMEN PROFESSING GODLINESS, WITH GOOD WORKS.

- A. The Apostle is going to say a few things in the next verses that many women have taken offense to through the years.
1. But if we believe that the Bible is inspired of God then we must also assume that this is not just Paul's opinion, but the heart of the Lord!

- B. The Lord wants men and women to dress as is becoming to their Christian walks.
1. There are some things that are simply inappropriate!
 2. The braided hair, gold, pearls, and costly clothing were not the problem. It was the desire for attention.
 - a) **1Pet 3:3 (NKJV) Do not let your adornment be [merely] outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on [fine] apparel-- 4 rather [let] [it] [be] the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible [beauty] of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.**
 - b) The Lord through Paul is simply saying that there is a beauty that is much more desirable - and that is Godliness = true Christian beauty.
 - c) There are some women who are beautiful inside and out. There are others who possess no beauty on the inside so they have to put on a good show!

VII. **1TIM 2:11 (NKJV) LET A WOMAN LEARN IN SILENCE WITH ALL SUBMISSION.**

- A. We have already seen Paul's exhortation to Timothy about respecting authority.
1. It seems there were a few of the women being very disruptive in the services.
 - a) The Lord is simply asking them to show that **gentle and quiet spirit** and to honor their husbands, not embarrass them by shouting out in the middle of services.

VIII. **1TIM 2:12 (NKJV) AND I DO NOT PERMIT A WOMAN TO TEACH OR TO HAVE AUTHORITY OVER A MAN, BUT TO BE IN SILENCE.**

- A. The word "silence" is an unfortunate translation of the Greek word 2271 *hesuchia hay-soo-khee'-ah*.
1. We get a better picture of what Paul is saying in **2The 3:11 (NKJV) For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.**
 - a) Here we see the same Greek word translated as quietness.
 - b) Paul is not saying that women are to be totally silent in the church, only that they are to have a **gentle and quiet spirit**.
- B. **Titu 2:3 (NKJV) the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things-- 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,**
1. In these scriptures we see women teaching younger women.
- C. **Acts 18:24 (NKJV) Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man [and] mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. 25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and**

taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. **26** So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. **27** And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; **28** for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

1. Here we see a **husband and wife team** teaching Apollos, but they pulled him aside and taught him privately.
2. In a nutshell the Lord - through Paul - is saying that He doesn't want women to have a teaching position of exercising spiritual authority over a man.
 - a) Then He goes on to show God's order of things as the reasons why.

IX. CONCLUSION

A. **1Tim 2:13-15 (NKJV)** For Adam was formed first, then Eve. **14** And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. **15** Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

1. I may be stretching it a bit here, but I would like you to keep the curse in mind as you read these last three verses.
 - a) **Gene 3:16 (NKJV)** To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire [shall] [be] for your husband, And he shall rule over you."
 - b) If you will remember, this was after the serpent deceived Eve.
 - c) Adam then willingly fell along with Eve.
2. Now here is where I may be stretching it a bit. Could it be that Jesus broke this curse at the cross?
 - a) If you remember, he said something rather strange to his mother:
 - (1) **John 19:26 (NKJV)** When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!"
 - (2) He could have used a term that was a little more endearing, but He didn't.
 - (3) Could it be that Jesus was not just addressing His mother, but all woman-kind and pronouncing that through his birth, death and resurrection the curse was broken?
 - (4) And that same "curse" of childbirth, brought salvation for all of mankind!