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1 Timothy 2:1-15

Godly Behavior

When you think of a godly man or a godly woman, whose name comes to your mind? What characteristics of that person lead you to describe him or her as “godly?” How is that person’s appearance and behavior different from someone you might describe as “ungodly?”

Remember that Timothy was a young pastor who was leading the church in Ephesus. Paul left Timothy there to correct false doctrine and teach the believers how to live.

In **1 Timothy 2:1-15**, Paul gave Timothy some very specific instructions about how godly people should behave and dress.

GODLY PEOPLE

- 1 Tim. 2:1** The first thing godly people should do is pray. Find the four words used to describe prayer:
1. _____ – requests for personal needs
 2. _____ – any type request, perhaps in public
 3. _____ – praying on someone else’s behalf; acting as a “go-between”
 4. Giving of _____ – thanking God
Who should we pray for?
- 1 Tim. 2:2** Who should we especially pray for?
- Why?
- 1 Tim. 2:3** How does God feel about such prayers?
- 1 Tim. 2:4** God wants all types of persons (those of every race, nationality, religious background, sex, and social or financial standing) to be saved. **Godly people pray for lost people of all sorts to be saved.**
- 1 Tim. 2:5** How many Gods are there?
- What does this truth tell you about Buddha, Allah, Krishna, and all other so-called “gods?”
- Who is the **ONE** and **ONLY** mediator between Holy God and sinful man?
- 1 Tim. 2:6** Jesus gave Himself as a _____.
- 1 Tim. 2:7** What was Paul’s task?

Godly people should pray for everyone, especially those in authority. They should pray for lost people to be saved.

GODLY MEN

1 Tim. 2:8 What should godly men do?

“*Holy hands*” refers to moral and spiritual purity. What should be absent from our prayers?

Timothy was to teach godly men to pray. Unfortunately, in most of our modern churches men don’t set the example for prayer.

GODLY WOMEN

1 Tim. 2:9 How should godly women dress?

Modesty should be the guiding principle for the godly woman’s attire. She should be more concerned with her inner character than with her outward appearance. Verses 9-10 name four things the godly woman will adorn herself with:

1. Verse 9 – “_____ apparel,
2. with _____ (godly modesty and respect)
3. and _____ (sanity, self-control).”
4. Verse 10 – “with good _____.”

In other words, **if you claim to be a child of God, don’t try to look like a fashion model or a movie star.** Strive to make the most noticeable thing about you be your consistent lifestyle of godly behavior and good works.

1 Tim. 2:11 How should godly women behave in church?

1 Tim. 2:12 “But I suffer not a woman to _____, nor to usurp _____ over the _____.” Women should not teach or exercise authority over men in the church, but should teach younger women (**Titus 2:4**).

1 Tim. 2:13-14 God established the order for the home (**Eph. 5:22 – 6:1**) and church when He created Eve to be Adam’s helper (**Gen. 2:18-24**). Eve was deceived by Satan and led Adam into sin (**Gen. 3:1-24**).

1 Tim. 2:15 The godly woman will be preserved and protected through the process of child bearing.

Concluding Thoughts: It is evaluation time. Are **you** a godly person? Answer the following questions as honestly as you can:

Do you pray regularly?

Do you pray for civil leaders and church leaders?

Are you praying for any specific lost people?

MEN – Is your life marked by prayer and holy living?

WOMEN – Do you dress modestly?

Do you adorn yourself with godliness and good works?

Are you submissive to authority in the home and at church?

Do you continue in faith, love, holiness, and sobriety?

Here's the really important question: **Do you want to be a godly person?** To be a godly man or woman, you must first be saved. Then you must focus your attention on God and His Word, and seek to manifest the qualities you've learned about in this chapter. Confess your sin and ask God to make you a godly person.

Project: Memorize **1 Timothy 2:1-2**. Behave like a godly person.