

FOR HIM / FOR HER

From the series – 1 TIMOTHY: EVERY MOMENT, EVERY DAY

SUMMARY...

As Christ-followers, we are not called to mimic the culture around us, rather the mission is to help ALL people see Jesus every moment, every day. Thus, we must understand that our lives, attitudes, actions, behaviors, and yes even our dress will either help people see Jesus or distract them from seeing Jesus. To this end, the Apostle Paul has a specific challenge for the men, and a specific challenge for the women of Ephesus. At the heart of this challenge in [1 Timothy 2:8-10](#) is that in **EVERY PLACE**, Christ-followers would do all we can to help people experience God's desire for them – salvation through Jesus Christ. ALL Christ-followers are called to a life of prayer and godliness expressed through good works. Men are not off the hook with godliness and women are not off the hook with prayer. The aim of this text is that ALL Christ-followers in EVERY PLACE will help ALL people see Jesus. The culture does not need us to mimic their values rather we need to show them the values of Christ – a life of prayer and godliness expressed through good works.

LEARN... BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION

1. Read [1 Timothy 2:8-10](#). The Apostle Paul plants the seed right away that we are to be gospel witnesses in every place we occupy – that we are to have consistent Christ-like character no matter where we are or who we are with. Where or when do you see a division between who you are as a Christ-follower and how you act, especially when around Christians verses those who do not know Jesus? If there is a division, where does this come from or why does this happen? In what ways should the church {Christ-followers} be changing and transforming the culture in which we live?
2. **For the men** – in [1 Timothy 2:8](#), Paul identifies anger, fighting and quarrelling as hinderances to the men lifting up 'holy hands in prayer.' Before addressing the impact of anger, consider what the bible has to say about it.
Read [Ephesians 4:26](#). What is your typical response when angry?
According to [James 4:1-2](#), what is at the root of our anger and quarrels? How has jealousy or selfishness led you to sin? In what other ways has anger shown up in you (for instance, what triggers you to anger)? What does self-control have to do with how you handle these desires? What impact is anger having on you, or those around you?
How might prayer be the answer to an angry and quarrelsome heart?
3. **For the women** – in [1 Timothy 2:9-10](#), Paul identifies being overly concerned with appearance and apparel as a hinderance to godliness being expressed through good works. Currently, who do you mimic? In what ways have the images or people around you influenced how you feel about your own appearance or identity?
When you think about a Godly woman who you respect, what it is about her that stands out to you? What in her is worth replicating?

What does our appearance or the way we dress have to do with self-control? What does 'outward appearance' have to do with godliness? How has your desire for 'good looks' hindered 'good works'? What type of 'good works' can you devote yourself to that would lessen your desire for 'good looks'?

Optional Read [Proverbs 31:25, 30](#). What do these verses tell you about the praise of the world, and how is that different from the praise of the Lord? How do these verses encourage you towards godliness?

NEXT STEPS...

On Sunday an invitation was given to approach the month of April a bit differently.

For the men – what will prayer look like for you in April? What and who might be God calling you to pray for? Are there any distractions that need to be cut out as not to hinder you cultivating a life of prayer?

Also, as you think about serving as a model for the women around you (whether a spouse, daughter, friend, or other women in the church especially), ask yourself, do you hold attitudes towards women's appearances that you need to repent of?

For the women – what will godliness through good works look like for you in April? How might you redirect your attention and focus from 'outward appearances' to developing new habits and disciplines of godliness expressed through good works?

Also, how can you be intentional about praying that the men of GENESIS would be men of prayer?

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