INTRODUCTION

- This chapter addresses two (2) high impact topics – 1) effectively praying for people, and 2) the powerful influence women have.
- Paul seems to hammer the men for not doing their primary job of being devoted to praying humbly & righteously before God; and he seems to hammer the women for stepping in to do the work that the men weren’t doing – work that God designed men to do.
- Some theologians view Apostle Paul as being chauvinistic and legalistic since he is so authoritative in his writings, but they miss the warmth & pastoral concern he has for his churches, and his desire to mature everyone to perfection through sound doctrine.
- And believers today can be accused of being too acclimated and accommodating to our unisex culture, where men and women are seen as interchangeable in all areas of society, home, and church.

### LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 02 June 2019 1Timothy 1 1) Entrusted  
2) 09 June 2019 1Timothy 2 2) On Mission  
3) 16 June 2019 1Timothy 3 3) Setting the Example  
4) 23 June 2019 1Timothy 4 4) Staying the Course  
5) 30 June 2019 1Timothy 5 5) Being Responsible  
6) 07 July 2019 1Timothy 6 6) Lasting Investments  
7) 14 July 2019 2Timothy 1 7) Confidence  
8) 21 July 2019 2Timothy 2 8) Focused  
9) 28 July 2019 2Timothy 3 9) Diligent  
10) 04 August 2019 2Timothy 4 10) Enduring  
11) 11 August 2019 Titus 1 11) Living with Opposition  
12) 18 August 2019 Titus 2 12) Living with Integrity  
13) 25 August 2019 Titus 3 13) Living to Do

### Praying is a Priority

- **(v1-2)** We need to pray for all people from our political leaders, school teachers, firemen, & policemen, to our military, laborers, & even the homeless, whether they be good or bad, Christian or non-Christian.
- **Purpose.** God wants to respond and accomplish His will through our prayers. So if we want more of a “tranquil and quiet” society with less drama, PRAY.
- If we want an orderly and safer society, PRAY.
- If we want a society that exhibits godliness, PRAY.
- If we want less school shootings, less crime, and more harmonious marriages, PRAY.
- If we want a stable economy & less poverty, PRAY.

### The Gospel Saves

- **(v3-4)** It is not God’s will for anyone to perish. **2Peter 3:9** Knowledge of the Truth (sound doctrine) is able to save us from Hell and from deception – if we willingly listen.
- **(v5-6)** The Gospel is summarized as God took the initiative and offered Christ as the ransom for our sins.
- **(v7)** Paul acknowledges his unique appointment from God to take the Gospel to the Gentiles – by teaching them the truth (sound doctrine) of the Gospel.
- **Do we have a calling to take the Gospel to others?**

### Proper Behavior is Power

- Whether we be male or female, our godly behavior does more to positively impact our homes, work place, and society than speaking just good words alone.
- **(v8)** We come full circle back to Praying again.
- Praying men are depicted as “lifting up holy hands.”

### Good Works and Godliness

- **(v10)** “…but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness.”
- **“Good works”** would include taking care of family, helping widows (1Tim 5 and Acts 9:36), and other acts of mercy and generosity.
- **Bad works could include idleness and gossiping**
- And men can be guilty of these as well.
- **(v11)** A woman must quietly receive instruction with submissiveness (1OW, not disruptive behavior).
- This is true of men as well as we all sit under the tutelage of godly church elders & teachers.
- Also, what are we to do after receiving all kinds of good Bible instructions from our elders? Do we sit on it, or share it widely and fervently with others?

### PASSAGE: 1Timothy 2:10-11

- **1Peter 3:3-4** “Your adornment must not be merely external braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.”

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**Comments**

- The raising of hands over the head is a universal sign for unconditional surrender, and holy hands indicates we are righteous & obedient before God.
- “without anger and controversy” – IOW, murmuring against God, unthankful, impatient… see Heb 11:6
- A man’s character should be identified with praying.
- v9. A woman should be noted for her godly character as well, with the 1st impression given by her dress code.
- From her hair to her toe nails people assess if a woman is dressed for work or dressed to flirt.
- How much does a woman’s physical appearance play into manipulating people – especially men?
- Some Christian sects use this passage, along with 1Peter 3:3-4, to restrict the use of makeup and even to dictate the style of clothes to wear.
- Paul’s and Peter’s intent was not to establish a dress code but to convey that a godly character had higher priority over one’s physical appearance.
- Paul & Peter’s position was less is better – simplicity, not extravagance – godly character, not sexuality.

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**This is why we need to teach our youth to dress modestly, to avoid harmful habits, and to pray for one another.**
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<td>• v12. “Women are not to teach or usurp authority over men, and they are to remain silent”</td>
<td>No doubt, men and women are equal at the foot of the Cross, yet both sexes have distinct roles within the church and home to effectively promote the Gospel and maintain order. Examples:</td>
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<td>• Where is this to be done? At home? Church? Work?</td>
<td>• Only spiritual qualified men (not all men) are appointed as Pastors/Elders and Deacons .......... 1 Timothy 3; Titus 1</td>
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<td>• Is this a cultural principle or a timeless command?</td>
<td>• Certain mature women should teach younger women how they should love their husbands ............... Titus 2</td>
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<td>• Since Paul says women can talk, pray, and prophecy in church (1 Cor 11), and Paul acknowledges that women can start and host churches and be heavily involved in church (Romans 16:1-5), and women can instruct men (Acts 18 - Priscilla teaching Apollos), then what is the proper application of this passage?</td>
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<td>1. Some churches teach that women should not be S/S teachers where men are students, but Priscilla’s teaching of Apollos squelches that</td>
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<td>2. Parallel passages include 1 Cor 11:3; Titus 2:5; 1 Peter 3:1; and 1 Cor 14:34 where it says “Women are to keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but are to subject themselves, just as the Law also says.”</td>
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<td>• BUT 1 Cor 14 context is speaking in tongues</td>
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<td>• The “Law” here probably refers to Genesis 3:16</td>
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<td>3. Usurping or exercising authority over men can be taken several ways</td>
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<td>• On the home front, a domineering wife could cause disharmony – but is the problem with the wife trying to hold a struggling family together or with the husband who is not fulfilling his role as a loving leader and protector?</td>
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<td>• From a church or work perspective – women can easily manipulate men by their persuasive charms and dress</td>
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<td>• A suitable answer for usurping authority begins with asking who is qualified to teach and have authority within the church? The answer is church elders, and they would’ve been the primary, if not the only teachers within the early church (see Ephesians 4:11 and 1 Timothy 3:2)</td>
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<td>• Example. It would be wrong for me (as a simple S/S teacher) to usurp or circumvent the Elders/Ministers of our church and teach something contrary to their stances – and this would be wrong whether I am a male or female</td>
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<td>• But what about a woman teaching S/S with men as students? In a co-ed situation, no problem biblically since church elders/ministers can delegate such authority. To err on the side of caution, consider having a husband and wife be co-teachers as Aquila and Priscilla did with Apollos................ Acts 18:24-26</td>
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<td>• What about a man teaching an all-women’s class? This would be problematic since it is more fitting for a mature woman to train younger women........ Titus 2</td>
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**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- Praying fervently for others so we can have a good life, and being aware of the impacts someone’s attitude and attire can have on the church seem like two very diverse topics to address in this chapter – and rightly so
- These topics must have been important to the early church, and guess what, they are still topics of concern for us today
- Paul’s response is spot on – now, if only we would heed them

**NEXT WEEK: 1 Timothy 3-4.** Paul stipulates the qualifications required for church elders, deacons, and their wives; and he stresses the need to “pay close attention” to doctrine so people can be saved, both from Hell and from deception

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**The Source of Contention is Adam and Eve**

- Since the roles of Adam and Eve are depicted, Paul is painting the bigger picture of God’s typical design for our gender roles and responsibilities
- God holds men responsible and accountable for the health & well-being of the family, & men are to love their wives as Christ loved the church .......... Eph 5:25
- Women are co-laborers with their husbands, but they should be willing to serve under the husband’s authority as Christ was to His Father............ Eph 5:24