

# Men's Prayer and Women's Attire

1 Tim 2:8-10

Men--interested in performance

Women--interested in appearance.

**Men—1 Timothy 2:8**

**Everywhere:** in every place, in every city where believers assembled

Who pr

God has given men the responsibility of leadership!

1 Corinthians 11:3 Ephesians 5:22 Ephesians 5:23

## How Pray?

**1. Lifting up holy hands.** Holy life and clean heart.

Romans 8:15

**Holy Hands**—blameless, clean life.

Psalms 24:3-4 2 Samuel 22:21

Important thing—not posture of body but posture of heart.

**2. Without Wrath.** Anger in heart.

Constantly having trouble with others

Ephesians 4:31 Matthew 6:14-15

**3. Without doubting.** No confidence in God

**2:9. IN like manner also...** in the same way...likewise...similarly...just as important as....

Men evidence spirit of holiness by prayer.

Women evidence spirit of holiness by being modest.

**Equation: Praying men + modest women = Powerful church.**

**1 Timothy 2:9**

**Adorn:** ordered system, harmonious arrangement or constitution.

What a woman wears is harmonious or consistent with her relationship to God...

What she wears is consistent with what she is.

**Modest:** orderly...consistent with God's character.

**Apparel:** something let down.

Loose flowing garment

Considered immoral and indecent to accentuate contours of the body.

A covering.

**With shamefacedness:** bashfulness, reverence.

Easy to blush.

Shrinking from trespassing boundaries of propriety

Blend of modesty and humility.

This woman is ashamed and embarrassed to go beyond bounds of what is decent and proper.

**Emphasis:** innocent, pure countenance.

Distinct correlation between a woman's countenance and her moral values

A woman's morals affect her countenance. **Isaiah 3:9 Jeremiah 3:3**

### **Principles of Dress**

1. Always draw attention to countenance
2. Never draw attention to the contours.

**Sobriety**—good sense.

Soundness of mind

Entire command of passions and desires

Avoid a woman is in control of her passions--her dress will show it

**Broided** (plated—braided).

No expense spared to make dazzling

### **Turn to: Isaiah 3:16-24**

**1 Timothy 2:10** *But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.*

Women who claim to be godly make themselves attractive by things they do... the way they dress.

Men who claim to be godly--prove it by their prayer and purity of life

Women who claim to be godly--prove it by the way they dress.

Men—don't present yourself to be a godly man if you are not given to prayer.

Women—don't present yourself as being a spiritual woman if you don't understand and apply the principle of modesty in the way your dress!

**Professing:** proclaiming,

**1 Peter 3:1**

Without the word: without being nagged... preached at

**1 Peter 3:2**

They observe your pure and godly lifestyle.

**1 Peter 3:3**

Not so much concerned about the outward as the inward.

**1 Peter 3:4**

*Hidden man of the heart*—inner beauty.

*Which is not corruptible:* won't decay or perish.

*Meek:* manifestation of humility. Controlled strength.

*Quiet:* tranquil... not ruffled

*Spirit:* attitude

Principle: Women, your modesty ought to parallel the men's piety!

Immodest apparel on women just as destructive to church as prayerless and unclean men who are full of wrath and doubting.

Proper statement--Prayerless men are sinful men.

How about--Immodest women are sinful women.

Proper statement--Men! God's will is that you are men given to prayer.

Proper statement-- Women, God's will is that you are women given to modesty!

How about: Spiritual men pray

How about: Spiritual women dress modestly.

How specific do we get?

**Men:** Pray everywhere.

With holy lives and clean hearts?

Without any anger in hearts

Keep your confidence in God

**Women:**

***That women adorn themselves:*** wears that which is consistent with what she is on the inside.

***In modest apparel:*** Clothing which is consistent with God's character... loose fitting and hangs down....Not show contours....

***With shamefacedness.*** Innocent... blend of modesty and humility.

Puts on display your pure and innocent countenance.

***And sobriety:*** shows that you have good sense.

So What? How about setting some ministry standards?

Very important standards for the ministry at Woodside?

Men: Spiritual men pray! Given to holy life and clean heart. No anger in heart. Without doubting.

Women: Loose fitting clothes.

Not showing contours

Draws attention to face