

1 Timothy 2 - The Beauty of a Woman

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1 Timothy 2:9-10

9 In like manner also, that women **ADORN THEMSELVES IN MODEST** (*kosmio - orderly, of good behavior, seemly*) **APPAREL**, with **SHAMEFACEDNESS** (*aidos - downcast eyes, regard for others, respect, bashful*) and **SOBRIETY** (*sophrosyne - self-control, sanity, soundness of mind*); not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;
10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) **WITH GOOD WORKS**.

- *Don't dress or present yourself in such a way to attract attention or turn a head. Heart motive and attitude are most important because that will always emanate through any clothing.*
- *Shamefacedness is not self-imposed embarrassment or humiliation, nor does it mean you can never look people in the eye. Don't flirt with the eyes. Never cast a look at someone that will ignite passion.*

Proverbs 6:25 - *"Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids."*

- *Sober in action. Not loud or giddy in attempts to draw attention to yourself.*

Proverbs 7:10-13

10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart.

11 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house:

12 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)

13 So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him...

- *Be known for godliness, not for flirtatiousness. What is your reputation?*

1 Peter 3:1-7

1 Likewise, ye wives, **BE IN SUBJECTION TO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS**; that, if any obey not the word, they also **MAY WITHOUT THE WORD BE WON BY THE CONVERSATION OF THE WIVES**;

2 **WHILE THEY BEHOLD YOUR CHASTE** (*pure from carnality*) **CONVERSATION COUPLED WITH FEAR**.

3 **WHOSE ADORNING LET IT NOT BE THAT OUTWARD ADORNING OF PLAITING** (*braiding*) **THE HAIR, AND OF WEARING OF GOLD, OR OF PUTTING ON OF APPAREL**;

4 **BUT LET IT BE THE HIDDEN MAN OF THE HEART, IN THAT WHICH IS NOT CORRUPTIBLE** (*imperishable, not liable to corruption or decay*), **EVEN THE ORNAMENT OF A MEEK** (*gentle, mildness of disposition*) **AND QUIET** (*peaceful, undisturbing*) **SPIRIT, WHICH IS IN THE SIGHT OF GOD OF GREAT PRICE**.

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

7 LIKEWISE, YE HUSBANDS, DWELL WITH THEM ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGE, GIVING HONOUR UNTO THE WIFE, AS UNTO THE WEAKER VESSEL, AND AS BEING HEIRS TOGETHER OF THE GRACE OF LIFE; THAT YOUR PRAYERS BE NOT HINDERED.

True attraction and deep, lasting love grows in a relationship of safe vulnerability and committed service.

Relationship:

- *transparent communication*
- *unconditional affirmation and affection*
- *security of trust and commitment*
- *gentle and kind honesty*
- *supportive strength*

The stronger the spiritual and emotional intimacy, the more beautiful your spouse becomes physically. True godly attraction starts in the heart, not the eyes.

Relationships based upon the physical or the sexual NEVER last, ALWAYS fail, and ALWAYS leave behind a wide swath of destruction and heartbreak.

Proverbs 31:10-31

10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

11 **THE HEART OF HER HUSBAND DOTHS SAFELY TRUST IN HER, SO THAT HE SHALL HAVE NO NEED OF SPOIL.**

12 **SHE WILL DO HIM GOOD AND NOT EVIL ALL THE DAYS OF HER LIFE.**

13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.

22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

23 **HER HUSBAND IS KNOWN IN THE GATES, WHEN HE SITTETH AMONG THE ELDERS OF THE LAND.**

24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

26 **SHE OPENETH HER MOUTH WITH WISDOM; AND IN HER TONGUE IS THE LAW OF KINDNESS.**

27 **SHE LOOKETH WELL TO THE WAYS OF HER HOUSEHOLD**, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

28 **HER CHILDREN ARISE UP, AND CALL HER BLESSED; HER HUSBAND ALSO, AND HE PRAISETH HER.**

29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

30 **FAVOUR IS DECEITFUL, AND BEAUTY IS VAIN: BUT A WOMAN THAT FEARETH THE LORD, SHE SHALL BE PRAISED.**

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.