

**Sermon Title: The Honor of a Godly Mother**

**Sermon Text: 1 Timothy 2:9-15**

**Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to model the honorable qualities of a Godly woman/mother.**

**Sermon Proposition: There are 4 basic qualities of an honorable godly mother.**

**I. The honor of a godly woman/mother is submission to her God ordained reflection. V.9-10**

A. The godly woman/mother is honorable in her appearance. V.9a

The word “adorn.” The word is kosmeo in the Greek. We get the word cosmetic from it. It has to do with how a woman prepares herself. It means basically to arrange, to put in order, to make ready. The woman is to make ready. The woman is to make herself ready. When a woman comes to worship, there is a preparation involved. A woman should prepare herself for worship.

She is to prepare herself with the proper preparation. She is to adorn herself with proper adornment. The word kosmios, the adjective form, means orderly, becomingly, properly, well-ordered, well-arranged. So a woman, then is to come to worship properly arranged. That is to say that there is some preparation for worship.

The woman is to be properly adorned in the proper kind of apparel and attitude on the inside and outside.

The godly woman was not to be a woman of chaos. That is she is not to be a woman of disorder, disarray, without proper preparation, with an unbecoming demeanor, or an unbecoming wardrobe. She is to be a woman of godly fear and self-control.

B. The godly woman/mother is honorable in her attitude. V.9b

Godly fear comes from a root word meaning they have a sense of shame. In other words, they are to be ashamed of causing anyone to be distracted from the worship and the glory of God. They have a proper sense of shame that results in modesty.

Self-control refers to being able to control your passion and your desire. Women are to present themselves then in modesty and humbleness of heart, demonstrating total control over their passion and appearing in such a way that draws attention to their godliness and their virtue.

Here is a picture of the culture in which Paul was writing. There was a man by the name of Juvenal who lived about 40 or 60 to 140 A.D. He was a poet and he has written many things that we found and so we get a little characterization of that time in the Roman Empire by reading his writing. In one document that has been found, he wrote this, “There is nothing that a woman will not permit herself to do. Nothing seems shameful. And when she encircles her neck with green emeralds and fasten huge pearls to her elongated ears, so important is the business of beautification. So numerous are the tiers and stories of piled one another on her head that she pay no attention to her own husband,” end quote.

In Philo’s description of a prostitute which is quite interesting in his writing called “The Sacrifices of Cain and Abel,” he writes this, “A prostitute is often described as having hair dressed in elaborate braids, her eyes with pencil lines, her eyebrows smothered in paint and her expensive clothes embroidered lavishly with flowers and bracelets and necklaces of gold and jewels hanging all over her,” end quote.

C. The godly woman/mother is honorable in her affirmation. V.10a

The point Paul is making is that the woman’s adornment is to be that she adorned in her heart with the beauty of godliness, demonstrated by humility and self-control.

D. The godly woman/mother is honorable in her activities. V.10b

**II. The honor of a godly woman/mother is submission to her God ordained role. V.11-14**

A. The godly woman/mother accepts the learning role in worship. V.11

B. The godly woman/mother accepts the subjection role in worship. V.12

1. In respect to teaching in the worship service.

2. In respect to ruling in the worship service. (**Gen. 3:15-16; 1 Cor. 14:34-35; 1 Tim. 2:8; Acts 1:12-14**)

C. The godly woman/mother accepts the designed role in creation. V.13-14

(**1 Cor. 11:8; Gen. 2:18-25**)

**III. The honor of a godly woman/mother is submission to her God ordained responsibilities. V.15a**

The woman's contribution in her responsibilities is vitally important to the redemption of our culture.

This verse is powerfully positive for women and mothers when seen in light of verse 13 and 14. She shall be saved through childbearing. V.14 Adam wasn't deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression, "parabasis," she stepped over the boundary. She stepped out of line or rank. So she's in the transgression, women led the parade into sin. The stigma of the Fall is on woman, but she shall be saved through childbearing. The phrase "shall be saved," future tense shows that it couldn't refer to Eve. Furthermore, if they continue in faith means its more than one woman.

What are they saved from? The word saved can mean delivered, or it can mean saved from things other than sin. The text interpreted in context means all women are delivered from the stigma of having caused the fall of the human race by childbearing.

In other words, women led the human race into the Fall but by the wonderful grace of God released them from the stigma of guilt by childbearing.

They raise godly seeds (children) who then oppose the sin, unrighteousness, and ungodliness of this world, by living in holiness, righteousness, and godliness in the world. **(1 Timothy 5:14)**

**IV. The honor of a godly woman/mother is submission to her God ordained ripeness. V.15b**

- A. The honor of a godly woman/mother is found in the mature quality of faith.
- B. The honor of a godly woman/mother is found in the mature quality of love.
- C. The honor of a godly woman/mother is found in the mature quality of holiness.
- D. The honor of a godly woman/mother is found in the mature quality of self-control.