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Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

2 Timothy 2:22

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Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

James 4:8

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If we are **ALWAYS** in the middle of the battle against sin (yours, theirs), if we **MUST** stand against false teaching/teachers, if it is a process to root out sinful attitudes, and if God's commands are not to be burdensome but also possible, **then what would preparation for public worship in line with this command include?**

- Prayer beforehand, scripture (His words), specifically areas where you/others struggle or are out of line, worship disrupted
- Rom. 8:32 – contemplate the infinite value of the gospel and what it costs to give it to you
- Looking ahead & small steps throughout the week
- Aware of Satan's devices
- Seeing obedience as part of means of fighting indwelling sin
- Time
- Reverence/respect
- Success includes seeing provision of God's grace to maintain fellowship, fight sin, defend honor of His name, caring for our effect on others

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Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, **just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.**

Ephesians 4:31-32

But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; **just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.**

Colossians 3:8, 13

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Without tying it to next verse which clarifies, what thoughts/attitudes arise when discussing these subjects, and why does it get so touchy/personal?

- Identity, individuality
- Freedom from boundaries
- Speaks of guilt (right/wrong), vulnerability, insecurity
- Something self-serving
- Works against trying to reinvent yourself
- Brings so many different sins to surface (pride, criticism, shame, etc.) must really want God's presence, will, and discernment

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What do you hear in the words “modestly,” “discreetly,” “braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments” that should guide our focus?

- Attitude (the humility)
- Not insular
- In background (discreetly this is not the place)
- Ostentatious / recognition
- Speak of resources used – time, expense, study
- Not primarily about me, preferences – something, someone beyond me

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What attitudes and focus from the first part of this chapter can give framework for our study and adherence to these topics?

- Different mission leads to different presentation emphasis

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- I. Come to Worship with a Heart Right Toward God and ALL Those He has Placed in Your World v. 8**
- II. Come to Worship Focused on the One to be Honored and the Work to which He has called you. vv. 9-10**

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I TIMOTHY 2:8-10

Your adornment must not be merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; 4 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.

1 Peter 3:3-4

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As put both sides together (vv. 9-10), what can we learn about center of each? Where do each focus? Where do each invest their resources? What do each value, requiring study and precision?

- Concern for relationship w/ God

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I TIMOTHY 2:8-10

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Titus 2:11-14

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I Timothy 2:8-10 CBC, Wednesday, September 14, 2022 441 Take Time to Be Holy

PRAY—relationship with God is antidote to false gospel lived and given in church at Ephesus; we saw that WHO God is determines WHAT pray for—His desire, becomes ours, NOW see that WHO God is also determines HOW we ask Him for provision—**fellowship determines mission; fellowship determines life and worship together**; we MUST prepare for public worship; First men ⁸ Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension. **I. Come to Worship with a Heart Right Toward God and ALL Those He has Placed in Your World v. 8** men, b/r you lead the public worship in prayer, come lifting up holy hands—dependence, need, worship (we under, you worthy), but also clean hands—not just known sin, but just living in profane world, profane heart—priests wash EVERY TIME—it's what we do; talking about not just purity, but complete devotion to God, committed to His service; trace actions back to heart—when not showing clean heart, repent, do right; **If Tim. 2:22, James 4:8**; come before Him with reverence, respect for awesomeness/holiness shows by working through attitudes that contradict His holiness, specifically here, focus on attitudes/actions characterized by strife/dissension that are hard on relationships; fellowship w holy God means praying w holy hands, hands **without wrath and dissension**. **If we are ALWAYS in the middle of the battle against sin (yours, theirs), if we MUST stand against false teaching/teachers, if it is a process to root out sinful attitudes, and if God's commands are not to be burdensome but also possible, then what would preparation for public worship in line with this command include? NOT ALL OR NOTHING—PREPARE by 1. Expanding world as wide as God's mission; while always some tension, brokenness, conflict w/I, w/o, must keep under control, especially, if tend to collect injustices/want fixed NOW: **larger/holier/higher He is, His mission, more see need for daily, constant preparation**—head in that direction whether or not get there—then MORE prepared for worship/service, MORE humble about your heart and His holiness; requires, 2. Sorting out right/wrong acts according to God—be specific—not ALL wicked, not ALL good, not “you don't understand, too hard” mush (Heb. 4:12) 3. Seek to get back in your place so willing to continue w process of being transformed in these areas, God's servant rather than in God's place (**clear way back**)—look through the wrong toward the right path in passages, then w yourself/others—**Eph. 4:31-32, Col. 3:8, 13**; talking about Eph. 4 unity of Spirit (preserved, not originated by us, yielding to Spirit produces patience, kindness, forgiveness); ⁹ Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves kosmeo—put in order, make neat, decorate **with proper clothing**, proper/appropriate, clothing/how present self; preparation for worship, but like with men, extends beyond worship as look at attitudes and actions involved—**modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments**, gave a little background for these words, little cultural perspective, then asked, **Without tying it to next verse which clarifies, what thoughts/attitudes arise when discussing these subjects, and why does it get so touchy/personal?** can't read Paul's letters apart from some attempt to piece together the social and historical situation that gave rise to these letters—MUST be broad w application as don't know which pieces of historical evidence to focus on; “But the possibility that the social situation that gave rise to a letter like I Timothy contains more complexities than we can completely unravel must be faced.” “In both Corinth and Ephesus there was more at stake, and indeed more on Paul's mind, than the public speaking in which some women were engaged.” Towner, pp. 195-196 Going to say some fighting words now—one of reason's pastor's don't tackle this is b/c of can of worms—everyone has heard different things and focuses on different verses/aspects—interpreted through cultural hermeneutic, background, experiences, etc. **THERE IS MORE—NOT, I your pastor have it figured out—but, danger if go off your head, experiences AND, your google search, one book—disciplined study of MANY areas which why mention commentaries;** THEY not always right, have own sins, backgrounds, experiences, etc. to sift through--but they have deeper background underneath their findings, **more purely in linguistic/cultural disciplines than you/I; I have touched that world, others studied it; THIS alone not enough, (apart from Spirit taking and helping us to see God, ourselves, and our place and purpose in His world, we will use to elevation of ourselves/those around us, build wrong things/thereby tearing down/dishonoring God's name, His kingdom); reverence toward God and understanding power of your own flesh means be slow to assess what hear by what immediately think about—there's ALWAYS MORE**—this is first go round—talk some amongst selves, but always be looking for more WHILE you live heading in general direction think its going; **what do you hear in the words “modestly,” “discreetly,” “braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments?” modestly related to words w idea of respectable, honorable—respect for the feeling or opinion of others or for one's own conscience—“shirks from overpassing the limits of womanly reserve and modesty, as well as from the dishonour which would justly attach thereto” Trench, Synonyms in Knight, p. 134 and discreetly—sober, with self-restraint, self-control, moderation; when seen as feminine virtue, ideas of decency, chastity—idea of habitual “self-government, w its constant rein on all the passions and desires which would hinder the temptation to [immodesty] from arising” Trench, Synonyms, 72, BAGD in Knight p. 134 not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, **what do you hear in the words “modestly,” “discreetly,” “braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments?”** MORE than self-expression or following feelings or desires—right wrong, purity, impurity involved; time, care, effort, result, show value **What attitudes and focus from the first part of this chapter can give framework for our study and adherence to these topics?******

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Towner “flutters of emancipation can sometimes be detected behind the apostle’s discourse” p. 192 Spirit enthusiasm combined w over-realized sense of salvation I Cor. 4:8 and inattentiveness to ethics/overrealized eschatology II Tim. 2:18 – equality mentioned in I Cor. 12:13, Gal. 3:28, Col. 3:11 w/o complete picture could lead to “elements of disruption in Paul’s churches and his response.” P. 192 – household codes sought behavior “that sought a respectable showing in and interaction with society.” NOT just reflection of society, “but rather a Christian adjustment (in terms of motive and goal and supporting theology) that nevertheless aims at producing and maintaining a respectable public image.” Pp. 192-193 – missionary necessity of maintaining dialogue w culture that drives Paul to seek reasonable solution in case of behavior of men and women p. 193; I Tim. 2:11-15, I Cor. 14:33-35 – in both cases, women restricted from public behavior “that had reached a level of abuse and was causing disruption” p. 194

Towner—GIVE PROOF OF YOUR CLAIM TO GODLINESS by dressing modestly by living life characterized by modesty and self-control and by doing works of Christian service p. 210 —phrase “good deeds” “becomes shorthand for describing the whole of Christian existence in its observable dimension, in terms of the fruit produced by authentic faith” p. 212

MacArthur look at motives and goals for dress—show grace and beauty of womanhood? Humble heart before God? love and devotion to her husband? OR to call attention to herself—heart dictate wardrobe—modestly and discreetly—not distract from worship to God, self-control over where focused others thoughts/her thoughts—pursuing godliness—reverence to God;