

“WOMEN WHO DRESS FOR SUCCESS”

“Body by God”- Part 3

1 Timothy 2:9-15

May 31 & June 1, 2008

Open It

1. Was the home you grew up in fairly traditional (dad worked, mom stayed home) or not?
2. How is your view of the roles of men and women, whether at home or in the workplace, different from the views your parents may have had?

Explore It

1. Read 1Cor. 11:5 and 1Cor. 14:34-35
 - a. If one were to isolate and read these verses, what is the apparent contradiction between them?
 - b. How does expanding the passages to 1Cor. 11:1-12 and 1Cor. 14:26-32 help us to understand the difference between the cultural context from that which is the universal principal (1Cor. 11 - there should be order in the church and 1Cor 14 - women should honor their husbands)?
2. Read 1Tim. 2:9-11, then answer the following questions:
 - a. How is a woman to conduct or carry herself?
 - b. How is a woman to learn, and to whom is she to submit?
 - c. According to Gen. 3:16, what is one of the consequences of the original sin of Adam and Eve?
3. Read 1Tim. 2:12-15, 3:1-5,11-12, and Hebrews 13:17?
 - a. What are some of the requirements for being an elder?

- b. Based on 1Tim. 2:12-15 and Hebrews 13:17, what is a reason women should not hold particular positions (such as elder) in the church?
 - c. What role do we see women playing in 1Cor. 11:5, Acts 2:17, 21:9, and Acts 18:26?
 - d. Based on these scriptures, is the issue of whether women are to teach/prophesy the critical issue, or is it the issue of the authority of men versus women in the church that is important?
4. Some people incorrectly assume that because God has ordained men to lead at home and in the church, that women are somehow intellectually inferior to men or have a lower status in God's eyes than men. According to Gal. 3:28, 1 Cor. 11:11-12, and Gen. 2:24, what is the relationship between God and humans, whether male or female?

Get It

1. What is your response to what we studied this week? Did you already have an opinion on women's role in the church, or is this the first time you have heard any preaching on the subject? Having heard the sermon, what are your thoughts now?
2. On controversial topics such as women's role in the church, Rex will often highlight arguments from both camps before teaching what he believes is the biblically accurate interpretation of a passage. In what ways does that help you understand the subject better, particularly if you are studying the passage for the first time?
3. Does it surprise you to know that Jesus elevated the status of women in his day as follows:
 - In a culture where a man usually did not talk to a women publicly, Jesus had a conversation with the woman at the well and the woman who touched the hem of his cloak.
 - He forgave the woman caught in adultery instead of stoning her, which was what the law required.

- Jesus did not treat the woman who washed his feet with contempt based on her position in life (she was a notorious sinner in town), whereas the Pharisee viewed her with contempt.
- Women played a prominent role in the crucifixion and resurrection stories, being the first to hear of the resurrection and the first at the empty tomb.

4. For those of us who are not Bible scholars or who do not have access to a number of commentaries, it can be difficult to interpret a passage and separate out what is the universal principle that is applicable at all times from the cultural context surrounding the passage. What resources or help do you use to separate the universal from the cultural?
5. Based on our study this week, if someone were to ask you to summarize our church's teaching on the role of women in the church, how would you explain it?

Apply It

1. Read 1Cor. 10:23-24. What attitude is God calling you to exhibit based on the study from this week?

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Saturday, May 31, 2008

Sunday, June 1, 2008

Bullet: True beauty comes from the inside out.

Text: 1 Timothy 2:9-15

TWO HERMENEUTICAL PRINCIPLES:

The principle of _____.

The principle of _____.

Three options for handling the cultural elements in Scripture:

1. **Rigid literalism:** *Keep both the* _____ *truth and the* _____ *expression of it.*
2. **Rank liberalism:** _____ *the eternal truth and the cultural expression of it.*
3. **Cultural transposition:** *Keep the eternal truth and* _____ *expression of it.*

CONCLUDING REMARKS:

1. **The office of Elder is to be a** _____.

Recommended books:

Women and the Word of God by Susan Foh; *Women in Ministry: Four Views*, edited by Bonnidell Clouse and Robert Clouse; *Biblical Eldership* by Alexander Strauch.

2. **Some women are gifted by God** _____.
3. **Women can have prominent roles in** _____ **positions.**