Calling All Women: Living Out the Creator's Design (# 1)

[9] in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel,
with propriety and moderation,
not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,
[10] but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.
(1 Timothy 2:9-10)

1. Paul Addresses _____

[9] in like manner also, that the women

a. Likewise "in like manner" – According to _____
b. Women – Female as opposed to _____
c. Women – By God's _____
d. Women, similar to men, but _____

2. Paul Defines Appropriate _____

adorn themselves in modest apparel with propriety and moderation,
lit. in apparel orderly with shame and sensibility to be ordering themselves

a. "In apparel"

- Emphasized: Placed in *front* of the verse
- καταστολή – *katastolē* – Used 1x in the NT
  - κατά – *kata – down, against*
  - στολή – *stolē* – 9x in NT – always "robes"
- inner robe (robe against the body)
- suggests loose and flowing

b. "orderly"

- κόσμιος – *kosmios* – 2x in the NT (3:2 "of good behavior")
- *orderly, well-arranged, in accordance with order*
- κόσμος – *kosmos – order, adornment, world (186x in NT)*
- suggests acknowledgement of a defined order or design
- suggests dressing in accordance with God's designed order

c. "with _____"

- αἰδώς – *aidōs* – Used 1x in NT
- *shame, modesty*
- Parts are intended to be hidden (this shame is not bad!)
- Think "they knew they were naked" (Gen 3:7) → covering
- Think "attire of a harlot" (Prov 7:10) What makes it that?

d. "[with] _____"

- σωφροσύνη – *sōphrosunē*
  - *Acts 26:25 ("reason"); 1 Tim 2:15 ("self-control")*
- σώφρων – *sōphrōn* (NT 4x) – *sensible*
  - *1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:8 ("sober-minded")*
  - *Titus 2:2 ("temperate")*
  - *Titus 2:5 ("discreet")*
- σωφρονίζω – *sōphronidzō – 1x in NT*
  - *Titus 2:4 ("admonish")*

e. "to be ordering themselves"

- κοσμέω – *kosmeō* – used 10x in the NT (7x "adorn")
- *to order, to arrange in order* (order is objective…)
- active and ongoing (present tense)
- themselves – personal responsibility to act

Fair Question: Aren't men responsible for their looking?

- *Yes, for _____ part (Matt 5:28 – "look to lust = adultery")*
- *But, to _____ is this written?*
- *Dress is a God-identified _____ for women*
- *Dress has a God-identified _____ to women*

3. Paul Identifies _____ Adornments

not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,

a. Suggests elaborate, expensive, or attention-grabbing dress
b. Requires muted or subdued dress & adorning

4. Paul _____ Appropriate Apparel & Adorning

but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works

a. But – in _____ with the world's ways – *is there?*
b. What is being _____ for women to wear – *improper?*
c. Who are _____ – *does my walk matching talk?*
d. Reverence for _____ – *who/what decides for me?*
e. Through good _____ – *service versus sensuality?*

- ***Christian beauty & dress stems from belief***
- ***Christian beauty & dress is focused on behavior***
- ***… is focused on eternal impact, not temporal attention***