



... Heart to Heart ...

What are the characteristics of a godly woman? Titus tells us they are to *“be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good”* along with loving their husbands and children. They are *“to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands so that the word of God will not be dishonored.”* (Titus 2:3-5) A godly woman will bring honor to God and His word by the life they live.

Timothy tells us that a godly woman should be concerned and take thought about what she wears (I Tim. 2:9-12). *“Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold and pearls or costly garments.”* (I Tim. 2:9) What does God mean that a godly woman should adorn herself with proper clothing? The word *“adorn”* literally means *“to put in order”* or *“what is orderly.”* It’s the same idea used in Gen. 1:2, where in the beginning the world was formless and void and God brought order when He spoke. God always brings order and those who claim Him should have a godly order in their dress. *“Modestly”* means *“well arranged.”* It carries the idea of **shyness** rather than revealing. *“Discreetly”* means to *“have inner control over your own desires.”* A godly woman must give serious thought to her dress and not follow her desires but the desires of God. Godly women should dress in ways that won’t call attention to themselves. The world doesn’t care if they create lust. The attire they promote is revealing. You hear it often, how women say, *“I’m not ashamed of my body!”* God doesn’t want the women to follow that line of thinking. He wants women, who make a claim to godliness, to be well arranged, controlled and watch carefully what they wear. In fact, a godly woman is to adorn herself with good works and concern herself with that (I Tim. 2:10). This describes a spiritual woman showing her godly attitude.

Mothers, what are you training your daughters in their wear? Are you training them to be careful of their attire, or just allow them to follow what everyone else follows? If our mothers aren’t concerning themselves with what is proper clothing in the eyes of God, what do you think their daughters will learn? Making a claim to godliness should affect our behavior and dress. What kind of example are our women setting for those new in Christ?

I write this to bring our attention on what the Lord wants. I pray our women will take to heart what God wants and take some thought in the clothes they choose to wear, both in public and at the assembly. In other words, **dress for God!** Think about it!!!

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