

## HOLY or WORLDLY?

1 Timothy 2:8-10

### Introduction:

- The physical weight on our shoulders
  1. On the moon – a \_\_\_\_ pound sack will feel like 50 pounds.
  2. On Jupiter – you would not be able to carry a 50 pound sack.
  3. On a planet the size of the sun – you could not lift your a\_\_.
  4. The bigger the world, the heavier the b\_\_\_\_\_.
- The spiritual weight on our shoulders
  1. The more w\_\_\_\_\_ you are, the heavier your burdens.
  2. Jesus promises believers that His burden is l\_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 11:28-30).
- Today's lesson has us analyze our attitudes, appearance, and actions so that we rid them of worldliness and make them holy. Holy or worldly? Worldliness will weigh you down, but holiness will lift you up.

### Analyze your attitude (8)

- Paul is not communicating a simple desire as most versions read.
  1. The word is a strong word indicating determination that a certain outcome occur.
    - a. When used of God the outcome is determined and c\_\_\_\_\_ because when He determines that something happen it will (e.g. Matt 11:27 – *no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.*)
    - b. When used of people the outcome is determined but un\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. Acts 5:33 – *they were intending to kill them*).
  2. *Therefore, I determine that men in every place pray...*
- Other misunderstandings of this verse
  1. Only men are to p\_\_\_\_\_ in the churches - I Cor 11:4,5 gives instruction to how **both** men and women are to pray in a church service.
  2. When we pray we are to l\_\_\_\_\_ our hands.
    - a. This was an oriental c\_\_\_\_\_, the usual practice but not always what was done (e.g. Jn 17:1).

- b. Paul was using this customary practice to point out the kind of hands with which to pray – h\_\_\_\_\_ as opposed to worldly hands (see God’s complaint in Is 1:15)
- Many Christian men were carrying around extreme a\_\_\_\_\_ which was causing disharmony with others.
  1. In the first century world, men got their self-esteem from their w\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. Acts 16:27).
    - a. Both the Jewish world and the Roman world o\_\_\_\_\_ Christians and many refused to do business with them.
    - b. In praying for all people and all those in authority as verse 2 commanded, the men may not have resolved their attitude toward the world (***Therefore**, I determine that men be praying in every place, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.*)
  2. Paul wanted them to resolve their wrath and disharmony and give c\_\_\_\_\_ to God – praying with holy hands.
- Application – look at your attitude
  1. When you are not in control, you tend to get a\_\_\_\_\_.
    - a. Anger in itself is not wrong (Eph 4:26 – *Be angry but do not s\_\_\_\_\_*).
    - b. Anger that lashes out and/or causes chaos is w\_\_\_\_\_.
  2. A project that goes wrong at every turn
    - a. Wrath – d\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. put hand through the wall)
    - b. Pray – Acknowledge that you are not in control and ask God to help you have a holy attitude.
  3. A parent that is frustrated with their child
    - a. Wrath – demeaning the child (e.g. c\_\_\_\_\_ with words).
    - b. Pray – Acknowledge that you are not in control and ask God to help you have a holy attitude.
  4. When we come to church, we need to have resolved those worldly attitudes so we pray together with holy hands.

### Analyze your appearance (9)

- In Paul’s day, women tended to get their self-worth from how they d\_\_\_\_\_. The Greek action word translated *adorn* (NLT – *wear*) is where our word c\_\_\_\_\_ comes from.
  1. Worldly women went o\_\_\_\_\_ in how they dressed, such as elaborate braids, expensive jewelry and clothing.

2. Christian women were to dress m\_\_\_\_\_ (KJV has *shamefaced*, the literal meaning of the word).
  - a. A female who shows no shame in the way she dresses, is revealing what she should be hiding.
  - b. Christian women should dress in a way that covers up what l\_\_\_\_\_ males would like to uncover.
3. Christian women were to dress *discreetly* (NIV - *with propriety*; KJV – *with sobriety*). - The word refers to s\_\_\_\_\_ thinking. - Be th\_\_\_\_\_, not thoughtless in the way you dress.

### ●Application

1. Ladies – be respectful and thoughtful of the male population in the way you dress, especially in a church service.
2. Men – gently point out and teach the females in your life as to what is an i\_\_\_\_\_ to lust.

### Analyze your actions (10)

#### ●Actions speaks louder than l\_\_\_\_\_.

1. How a woman acts can k\_\_\_\_\_ their good looks.
2. We need to focus not on our appearance but our actions

#### ●Two words which should describe believers

1. Godly – literally means good w\_\_\_\_\_ (do your actions reflect that you are a good worshipper of the Lord?)
2. Good w\_\_\_\_\_ - doing what God wants which will bring the world's attention to Him (Matt 5:17)

#### ●If you are godly, you will do good works (i.e. what God wants)

1. Does your home life paint a picture of you as a worshipper of God who does what He wants?
2. Does your work life paint a picture of you as a worshipper of God who does what He wants?
3. Does your church life paint a picture of you as a worshipper of God who does what He wants?

### Conclusion:

●The more worldly you are, the greater the burdens you will have – the things of the world will hold you back and weigh you down.

●The more holy you are, the lighter the burdens will be – Jesus's burden is light.

●Analyze your attitudes, appearance, and actions: holy or worldly? You choose!