"I Want Women to Adorn Themselves"

Intro: Being concerned with the ____________ of the corporate worship of the church the Apostle Paul instructed that it is the men who are to lead the congregation in prayer, and that with right hearts, being able to lift up holy hands, free of wrath and dissension (v. 8). While the men are to lead in congregational prayer, a man is not to lead unless his heart is right before the Lord. At that the Apostle then turned his attention to the women, teaching how the women are also to come to worship corporately with ________ ____________.

I. Just as the men who fear God are to fulfill their ____________ ____________ with properly prepared hearts, so are the women to do likewise. The women who fear God are to fulfill their ______________ role with properly prepared ____________

A. The women of ______ are to "adorn themselves with ______________ clothing".

1. As she is cherished by Christ the woman of God is _______ __________ as one cherished by Christ, ... expressing her love for and joy and thanksgiving in her husband, gladly clothing herself ______ ______ ____________ and glory!

2. The word translated clothing means to "let down, to appease". It refers to a long garment reaching the feet, as a robe, an article of clothing that denotes ____________.

B. The godly woman is to adorn herself "__________________ and discreetly", with modesty and ________________

1. "The word *modesty* connotes feminine ______________ in matters of sex. In the word is involved an innate moral repugnance to the doing of the dishonorable. It is 'shamefastness' (*or as the KJV has it, 'shamefacedness') which shrinks from overpassing the limits of womanly ______________ and modesty, as well as from dishonor ...").

2. The word *discreet* literally means “__________ of mind, __________ mindedness, to be ________".
C. The godly woman is _______ to adorn herself for worship with external gaudiness (improper braiding of hair, wearing of gold and pearls, and expensive clothing), making __ ____________ of herself, but with godliness, testifying of her God.

1. If the braiding of hair, the wearing of gold or pearls and costly garments are used in any way to __________ attention to oneself, then they are sinful being the manifestation of a heart not subjected to God, which draws attention ___________ ____________ Christ – that worship which belongs to Him alone.

D. The woman who claims to be godly is to ____________ herself __________ the godliness of good and ________________ works.

1. The woman who claims godliness needs not to make such a verbal claim for her __________ ________________ the truth, being her true claim to godliness or not.

2. Here is a most _________________ adoring robe: the __________ of godly works.

3. Here is a _________________ which those who who profess to be God-fearing will dedicate themselves to, understanding that this is the will of God for them in Christ Jesus: when congregating together they will worship the Lord Jesus Christ by doing the good work of ________________ themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather as women who claim to reverence God. This is the works of ________________ with which godly women will adorn themselves.

Closing: As we the church gather let us gather as biblically prescribed: in decency and ________________, that we might exalt our Lord Jesus with pure, high and holy ________________.

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