

Next week Trip Report!



Winter Series: 1 Timothy: *Stay the Course!*

- ◉ Written by Paul to Timothy to help him:
- ◉ Stay on track
- ◉ Grow in his faith
- ◉ Strengthen the church in Ephesus
- ◉ "**Stay the course**" is a **phrase** used in the context of a war or battle meaning to pursue a goal regardless of any obstacles or criticism.

Lesson 5: Reflect Jesus!

1 Timothy 2.8-15, NIV

- ① ⁸ Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. ⁹ I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves,

⦿ not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes,¹⁰ but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

① ¹¹ A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

- ① **¹⁴ And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. ¹⁵ But women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.**

Hermeneutics 101

1. What did the original author intend for his original audience?
2. How does this Scripture apply to us today?
3. Context, genre, history & culture

First, men, listen up:

- ⦿⁸ Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray,
- ⦿ lifting up holy hands
- ⦿ without anger or disputing.
- ⦿ Anger issues? Get God's help
- ⦿ Disputing = argue about (something); discuss heatedly.

Ladies – what to do!

- ◉ Visible ‘distractions’: Clothing, jewelry
- ◉ Behavioral ‘distractions’
- ◉ GOAL:
- ◉ good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God
- ◉ continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

Saved through child bearing?!?!

- Paul's point is that while a woman may have led the race into sin, women have the privilege of leading the race out of sin to godliness. That does not mean that God wants all women to bear children; some He doesn't even want married (1 Cor. 7:25–40).

◎ Paul speaks in general terms. The pain associated with childbirth was the punishment for the woman's sin (Gen. 3:16), but the joy and privilege of child rearing delivers women from the stigma of that sin.

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So, ladies . . .

- ◉ Modesty is the best policy
- ◉ Behavior should always reflect Christ
- ◉ God created us male and female, and when we fit into His design life is better!

But, men, remember:

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