

Scripture References for the Sermon

I Timothy 2 God's Word Translation

First of all, I encourage you to make petitions, prayers, intercessions, and prayers of thanks for all people, ² for rulers, and for everyone who has authority over us. Pray for these people so that we can have a quiet and peaceful life always lived in a godly and reverent way. ³ This is good and pleases God our Savior. ⁴ He wants all people to be saved and to learn the truth. ⁵ There is one God. There is also one mediator between God and humans—a human, Christ Jesus. ⁶ He sacrificed himself for all people to free them from their sins.

This message is valid for every era. ⁷ I was appointed to spread this Good News and to be an apostle to teach people who are not Jewish about faith and truth. I'm telling you the truth. I'm not lying.

⁸ I want men to offer prayers everywhere. They should raise their hands in prayer after putting aside their anger and any quarrels they have with anyone.

⁹ I want women to show their beauty by dressing in appropriate clothes that are modest and respectable. Their beauty will be shown by what they do,^[a] not by their hair styles or the gold jewelry, pearls, or expensive clothes they wear. ¹⁰ This is what is proper for women who claim to have reverence for God.

¹¹ A woman must learn in silence, in keeping with her position. ¹² I don't allow a woman to teach or to have authority over a man. Instead, she should be quiet. ¹³ After all, Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴ Besides that, Adam was not deceived. It was the woman who was deceived and sinned. ¹⁵ However, she and all women will be saved through the birth of the child, if they lead respectable lives in faith, love, and holiness.

I Peter 2:11-12, 3:1-7, 13-17 God's Word Translation

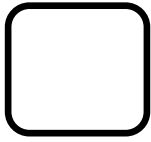
¹¹ Dear friends, since you are foreigners and temporary residents in the world, I'm encouraging you to keep away from the desires of your corrupt nature. These desires constantly attack you. ¹² Live decent lives among unbelievers. Then, although they ridicule you as if you were doing wrong while they are watching you do good things, they will praise God on the day he comes to help you...

³ Wives, in a similar way, place yourselves under your husbands' authority. Some husbands may not obey God's word. Their wives could win these men for Christ by the way they live without saying anything. ² Their husbands would see how pure and reverent their lives are.

³ Wives must not let their beauty be something external. Beauty doesn't come from hairstyles, gold jewelry, or clothes. ⁴ Rather, beauty is something internal that can't be destroyed. Beauty expresses itself in a gentle and quiet attitude which God considers precious. ⁵ After all, this is how holy women who had confidence in God expressed their beauty in the past. They placed themselves under their husbands' authority ⁶ as Sarah did. Sarah obeyed Abraham and spoke to him respectfully. You became Sarah's daughters by not letting anything make you afraid to do good.

⁷ Husbands, in a similar way, live with your wives with understanding since they are weaker than you are. Honor your wives as those who share God's life-giving kindness^[a] so that nothing will interfere with your prayers...

¹³ Who will harm you if you are devoted to doing what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you suffer for doing what God approves, you are blessed. Don't be afraid of those who want to harm you. Don't get upset. ¹⁵ But dedicate your lives to Christ as Lord. Always be ready to defend your confidence in God when anyone asks you to explain it. However, make your defense with gentleness and respect. ¹⁶ Keep your conscience clear. Then those who treat the good Christian life you live with contempt will feel ashamed that they have ridiculed you. ¹⁷ After all, if it is God's will, it's better to suffer for doing good than for doing wrong.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

Highly Favored:

I Treasure the Beauty You Bring to the Church

I Timothy 2; I Peter 2:11-12; 3:1-7, 13-17

Find the *God's Word* Translation of these verses inside the worship folder.

1. Remember your purpose as you look in the mirror.

- a. I Timothy 2:4 – “God wants all people to be saved.”
- b. I Peter 2:11-12 – “They will praise God when he comes to help you.”

2. Remember the true source of your beauty

- a. Women: Quiet spirit (I Timothy 2:9-10; I Peter 3:3-6)
- b. Men: Peaceable and considerate (I Timothy 2:8; I Peter 3:7)

3. Remember your roles to beautify the Church

- a. Roles in the family (Ephesians 5:21-33)
- b. Roles in the church (I Timothy 2:11-12)

This topic may generate questions.

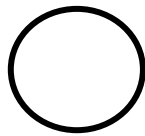
Email or text your questions to Pastor Pete

ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org or 414-350-1436.

He will produce a follow-up video to address your questions.

My Next Steps

- **Remember your purpose:** Memorize “God wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (I Timothy 2:4).
- **Remember your beauty:** Read over I Timothy 2:8-10 and I Peter 3:3-7 several times over the next few days to internalize the Spirit’s description of true, lasting beauty for women and men.
- **Remember the beauty of your roles:** Read Ephesians 5:21-33, considering especially how difficult it is for the opposite sex to fulfill their roles in marriage. Spend time giving thanks to God for the spiritual beauty you see in the women and men in your life.



GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for use in small group Bible study and home devotions, and personal use.

1. Share an example of an elderly woman in your life who remained beautiful because of her quiet and gentle spirit.
2. Read [1 Timothy 2](#) and [1 Peter 2:11-12; 3:1-7, 13-7](#) from the *God's Word* translation (found inside this worship folder) for an overview of God's will regarding the relationship between the sexes.
3. When both Paul and Peter wrote of the roles of men and women, the context (1 Timothy 2:4 and 1 Peter 2:11-12) is that we do all we can to spread the good news of God's saving will. Why do you think this is the starting point as Christians talk about the relationship between sexes?
4. Compare *God's Word* translation and the *New International Version* of the verses below.

God's Word

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New International Version

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 Timothy 2:9-10).

³ Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. ⁴ Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight (1 Peter 3:3-4).

a.) What phrases in the *God's Word* translation help women better understand God's will as they look at themselves in the mirror every morning?

b.) What is God's main concern as women prepare themselves for the day?

5. Read Ephesians 5:23: "For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior." How does Jesus' headship over the Church help us understand and apply our God's call to husbands to be head of their wives?
6. Read again 1 Timothy 2:11-12. As a church, we seek to be faithful to the principle that we do not ask women to be in a position of authority over men. As a church body, we have concluded that the role of a pastor is an authoritative role; therefore, we do not ask women to be pastors over men. In our congregation's organizational structure, we have made the Ministry Board the authoritative supervisor of our pastoral staff; therefore, we elect men to that board. As we wrestle with applying this principle in our congregation, always asking what roles are open to all and what roles are restricted to men, why is it important to always go back to issue raised in question 3?