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*"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)*

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## **TIMES OF SERVICES**

### **SUNDAY**

**Bible Classes\* 10:00 AM**  
**AM Worship 10:45 AM**  
**PM Worship 6:30 PM**

### **WEDNESDAY**

**Bible Classes\* 7:00 PM**  
(\* Bible Classes for All Ages)

## **Today's Sermon:**

***Two Servants  
Which One Are You?**  
Matthew 24:42-51*

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## *Modest Dress in an Immodest World*

*By—Kyle Pope  
Via—Teachingtruth.org*

The Holy Spirit instructs women in 1 Timothy 2:9,10 "...*That the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works*" (NKJV). The immediate application is overdressing but the principles apply to underdressing as well. With warmer weather coming soon it might be good for us to remind ourselves (and ask ourselves) some basic questions about the matter of modesty.

**1. How Is Modesty Defined?—** There are three words used in the text above which help answer this question:

"Modest apparel". In the Greek this is the word *kosmos*, meaning – "Put in order, Adorn or Decorate" (Bauer, Arnt & Gingrich, p. 445). The verb form of this word is translated "adorn" in this same passage. We could say they were instructed to "order themselves in orderly apparel". Our clothing must be that which matches the responsibilities and relation-

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ships which are a part of the Christian life (respect for others, morality, humility, avoidance of sin, etc.).

**"Propriety".** The word here is *aidos*, which communicates both a "sense of shame" and a "sense of honor" (Little Kittel p. 26). The King James renders this "shamefacedness". The Bible teaches that our bodies are "temples" of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). Christians should feel a sense of honor that leads us to present ourselves decently, and a sense of shame when this is not the case.

**"Moderation".** The Greek is *sophrosune* meaning – "Good sense, Sound Judgment" (Newman, p. 178). This speaks soundness of mind as opposed to intoxication or senility. The King James renders this "sobriety". We must think soberly about what our attire communicates to others about our values, intentions and priorities.

**2. Do I Know What The Bible Says About Modesty?**—While the Bible does not lay down a "dress code" for Christians, principles and instructions regarding modesty run throughout both Old and New Testaments. First, we learn in 1 Corinthians 12:23,24 the basic truth that there are "presentable" and "unpresentable parts". Though the world around us has rejected this basic truth Scripture teaches that the unpresentable parts *"have greater modesty, but our presentable parts have no need"*.

The reason Scripture offers for concealing certain parts of the body relates to the marriage relationship. In marriage a man and woman give themselves physically and emotionally to one another. 1 Corinthians 7:2-5 teaches that each partner has authority over the body of the other. Leviticus 18:1-30 condemns a variety of sexual relations. Verse eight of this text forbids a person "uncovering" the nakedness of his father's wife, the reason being—*"it is your father's nakedness"*. There are certain parts of our bodies which should be preserved for our mates alone. Not because they are "dirty" but because God would have us save them for that one person in our lives to whom we have committed our life,

love and honor.

**3. Does My Apparel Provoke Others To Lust?**—In the sermon on the mount Jesus taught—*"whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart"* (Matthew 5:28). While this is primarily a challenge to each of us individually to control our thoughts, we must also recognize the responsibility we all have not to put temptation before others. The man who takes off his shirt while working in the heat may unwittingly put an obstacle before someone he doesn't even know. The woman dressing in tight fitting or low cut attire may do the same. Of course we can't control fully what others choose to think but we can avoid unnecessarily presenting temptation.

**4. Do I Dress To Show Off?**—Of the specific items of clothing mentioned in some of the texts related to modesty, what is specifically condemned is high priced "showy" clothing (gold, pearls, etc.). In my judgment the emphasis is not a condemnation of those specific items but rather anything which serves to show off our wealth, physical attributes or status. In Christ we are to emphasize the inner man. Clothing that attempts to flaunt one's beauty or material standing demonstrates an improper perspective on spiritual matters, and an attempt to exalt ourselves over others.

**5. How Do I Carry Myself?**—Modesty is often demonstrated as much by our attitude and conduct as it is by our clothing. When Proverbs six and seven warns the young man of the peril of adultery it speaks of both the attire and a disposition to guard against. The Adulteress is clothed – *"with the attire of a harlot"* (7:10). She has a – *"crafty heart"* (7:10). She is *"loud and rebellious"* (7:11). She uses *"enticing speech"* and *"flattering lips"* (7:21) in order to *"allure...with her eyelids"* (6:25). Christian men and women must demonstrate modesty in both their manner and their disposition.

**6. Am I Willing To Be Different?**—It would be nice to imagine that the standards of modesty and decency will improve in our world. If recent trends are any indication I

don't think we can count on that happening anytime soon. As a result we must come to grips with the fact that the way we cloth ourselves and conduct ourselves must be dramatically different from what the world does. That demands courage on our part. We must choose "long" when short is popular. We must look "old fashioned" when the new is revealing. Our assurance (as with all things) must be that when we do what God asks, He is pleased with us regardless of what the world thinks of us. Remember "*Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart*" (1 Samuel 16:7).

## *The Top Two Hindrances to Making Marriage Work*

*By—Mark Broyles*

*Via—The Auburn Beacon—04-17-2011*

How do you make a marriage work? Maybe a better question would be – how do you work to make a marriage? As with any worthwhile endeavor work is the factor that is most vital to success. However, in marriage we often expect success with very little effort. In Ephesians 5, Paul instructs husbands to love their wives and wives to submit to and respect their husbands—instructions based on the God given needs of both. Easy words but frequently complicated concepts and applications. Two problems seem to be most prevalent in causing these needs to remain unmet and therefore preventing the marriage from thriving the way God intended.

First, we are ignorant. It sounds harsh but it is true. Have you ever found yourself either thinking or saying, "I never realized you felt that way" or "I didn't know it meant that much to you"? Ignorance of my spouse's real needs will almost certainly mean they will largely go unmet. We understand that we are to love

our wives and to respect our husbands but how exactly do we do that? Not only are their needs different but also the method of fulfilling those needs. I know what I like, want, and need for fulfillment. That knowledge comes to me naturally with no real effort required, but the needs of my spouse are not nearly so easy to understand. Ignorance may not be easy to admit but it is easily corrected. Whatever I am ignorant about only requires that I put forth effort to study and learn. Marriage is no different. In the seminars we have presented on marriage the last ten years one of the most evident truths is the lack of real effort of husbands and wives to use the resources available to better understand their spouse. There are some wonderful resources based on God's principles to help us understand our spouse's perspective. Read, attend classes, and ask your spouse! How much effort are you putting forth to really understand your husband or wife?

Second, we are selfish. Once we know what our spouse truly needs we must be willing to devote ourselves to fulfilling that need. Selfishness is the problem of all mankind including husbands and wives. Jesus taught often, even those who were closest to Him, that we must serve others rather than seeking to be served ourselves (John 13). That is never easy. I like me. I like to be comfortable, satisfied, and fulfilled. When I am tired, uncomfortable, aggravated, over stressed, or underappreciated it becomes even more difficult to focus on my spouse. When our thoughts are focused on what our spouse needs to do to fulfill our needs then we have departed from the mindset of Christ. The commands in Ephesians 5 are independent of one another. Each of us has the same role in marriage. That role is to glorify God by devoting ourselves to fulfilling our spouse's needs. Where would we be if Christ was only as focused on serving us as we are on serving our spouse? How hard will you work to forget self to fulfill your spouse?

The key to a happy healthy relationship in marriage is to learn each other's unique needs and strive to meet them to the fullest of your potential.

# Those Serving This Week

## Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.
Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Wayne Campbell
Scripture	Luke 10:21-42
Reader	CJ Isinghood
Prayer	Matt Ferrell
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Dan Marton
Fruit of the Vine	Dave Harless
Serve	Terry Smith
Serve	Don Coen, Sr.
Closing Prayer	Earl Miller

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

## Sunday PM

Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Earl Miller
Scripture	Luke 11:1-13
Reader	Terry Smith
1st Prayer	Nathan Marshall
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Wayne Campbell
Closing Prayer	John Lemal

## Wednesday

Class Prayer	Bryan Legg
Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Nathan Marshall
Invitation	Dave Harless
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.

# *News N Notes*

- Ladies Class tonight after services in the auditorium.
- Men's Training class tonight after services in class room 2 & 3
- Public Speaking

**Please remember these in your prayers:**

**Travelling:** The Marshalls and the Pragers are in South Carolina

### **Sick/ Poor Health:**

- Leila Brady, Nancy Morris' daughter
- Don Coen, Sr.
- Nicholas Edwards is now at home
- Zeda Goddard is at Weirton Medical Center, room # 844
- Robert Schwerferger, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law.
- Grace Lancaster
- Ronald & Charollette Lancaster
- William Louthen, Charissa Erdman's grandfather, passed away this week. Visitation will be Monday, June 6th at 11AM with the service at 2PM
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Harold Marshall, SR, is at home under hospice care
- Alfred and Mary Jane Myers
- Jim Moore, Nancy Morris' nephew
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Gabriel Taylor, 5 year old great grandson of Don Coen, Sr., dealing with cancer.
- Trudell Tennant

### **Our Shut-ins**

#### **Ann's Retreat:**

- Josephine Clow

#### **Brightwood Center:**

- Shirley Campbell

#### **Valley Haven:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

#### **Weirton Geriatric:**

- Kitty Morgan

#### **At Home:**

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

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If someone needs to be added to this list, please contact Tim Henderson