

SERMON NOTES SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2009

Letters that Live

“The Mediator, the Message and the Model”

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Introduction – From general moral instruction to male/female relationships

Text – 1 Timothy 2

Main Idea – a passage from which controversy obscures “three big things”... specifically what happens when Christians gather together..

Big Thing #1 – Their Upward Orientation – prayer & worship v. 1,2,8,9

Anything that disturbs that “upward work” is to be eliminated

A. What we’re to pray for – “everyone – kings etc.”

B. How we’re to pray

[1] for the men

- lifting “holy hands” – our work & worship matching

- without anger or disputing – power issues do not inhibit praise

[2] for the women

- with modesty – appearance that does not distract or detract

- with good deeds – work and worship matching

Big Thing #2 – Their Inward Activity – teaching & learning v. 7,11-14

A review of Ephesian culture...

A. Women are to learn – silently and submissively

- this instruction in light of “the Great Commission” and the “One Another’s” of the New Testament

B. Men are to lead – as part of the Eden mandate and learning from Eden’s mistakes ... so as to restore the original Eden model

Some practical considerations...

Big Thing #3 – Their Outward Model – God’s saving work reflected v. 15

...a curious encouragement...

Conclusion – a redemptive story