

A Commitment to Christian Humanism

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1 Timothy 2:8-15 I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing. ⁹ I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, ¹⁰ but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God. ¹¹ A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 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.

Introduction: this is a Puritan sermon.

I. The Doctrine: an initial explanation of the passage.

A. God's direction for men

B. God's direction for women

1. Positively

a.

b.

c.

2. Negatively

a.

b.

C. The theological rationale for these requirements.

1. Grounded in creation

2. Grounded in the fall

D. An answer to a particular concern.

II. The Use: an application of the passage.

A. The doctrine of calling.

1. Vocational ministry:

2. Vocational motherhood:

3. Vocational and avocational miscellanea:

B. The sanctification of everyday life.

1. The twofold value of ordinary activity.

2. The multiplied scope of ordinary activity.

C. The refocusing of Christianity.

1. Certainly we should value and pursue

2. We should also value and pursue

Conclusion: what we aren't trying to do, and then what we are.