

A Time for Chastity – From a Woman’s Perspective

Dear Brothers,

A thought came to my mind this past Sunday night. I was watching the news and one of the top stories was about the Secret Service scandal in Brazil. They showed faceless pictures of obviously beautiful women that were prostitutes. As I watched the newscast I realized that nothing these women were wearing would have been defined as scandalous. Most of them were wearing high heels which are considered a basic feminine accessory in our own country. Some were in tank tops and others had tops that showed no cleavage but their shoulders and backs were exposed. That being said, there were a few that had on less.

At work Monday morning, this newscast was the topic of discussion and most of the men had no problem with what happened because prostitution is not illegal in Brazil. The conversation shifted to church and one man made an extremely valid statement about how you see the same attire in church and it didn’t use to be that way.

I thought back to the letter to the ladies of this body in the form of a handout that would come out every spring and last year our Pastor taught on the subject, but as always the topic is directed toward our women. This year perhaps the Lord is leading in a slightly different way...

Dear Brothers, look at your wife, you can see the beauty in her eyes and you love her heart for the Lord. See her outer beauty, which the Lord has reserved for you alone. The physical attraction that you feel for your wife is created by God for the two of you to share – the two of you only. We know that we live in a fallen world and no one is without sin. Every Sunday the enemy comes to church to be a distraction to what the Lord has for us. Do you want the guy standing behind you to be struggling to not notice your wife? I spent some time reading Roman’s 14 and verse 13 hit home for me. *“Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in [our] brother's way.”* Also, in my daily bread for Monday, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 was just the Lord reinforcing the fact that if we love one another we can speak to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. Brothers, you have been called to protect your wife and your daughters and will be held accountable if you don’t. They are not to be “of this world.”

Finally, ladies, as we serve let us embrace 1 Timothy 2:9 and remember that we should keep ourselves up and presentable because we never know when we’ll be called on to serve and in what capacity, but we should do so modestly and obediently under our husband’s authority. This is what our dear brother Paul spent time teaching the sisters that came before us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Remember, your husband didn’t write the book, nor did your Pastor. They are just men that want to do the will of the Lord, the One who died so that we might live.

In love, your sister... dvt