"The Heart God Desires" 1 Timothy 2:8-15

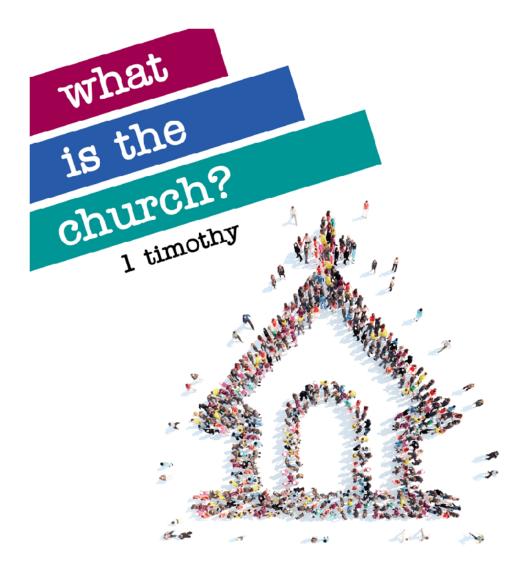
8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; 9 likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, 10 but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. 11 Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve; 14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. 15 Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

Notes:

Life Group or Family Discussion Questions:

- 1. Have you seen these verses misused by people in the church before? Why is this so damaging to the testimony of the church?
- 2. Share one memorable application from the sermon. How do you plan on applying it to your life this week?
- 3. **Read 1 Timothy 2:8**. What does it mean to pray with "holy hands"? Why is it important to have a guilt-free conscience when praying?
- 4. Paul also mentions the important of praying "without anger or quarreling." How do our horizontal relationships affect our vertical relationship?
- 5. **Read Matthew 5:23-24**. How do Jesus's words highlight Paul's command concerning prayer? How are our prayers and worship hindered by avoiding reconciliation? Is there someone you need to reconcile with? How will you pursue reconciliation?
- 6. **Read 1 Timothy 2:9-10**. How does the historical context of Ephesus help us understand these verses? What is the danger of distracting others from the glory of God in worship?
- 7. **Read Matthew 6:24**. What does Jesus mean when he says that we can't serve two masters? Is there something that is competing with God for your allegiance?
- 8. **Read Psalm 24:3-6**. What would it look like to be the type of person described here by David? Share ideas with your group on how you can approach God with a pure heart this week.

God answers the prayers of the pure in heart.



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