

# Agathos Women 1

1 Timothy 2: 9 - \_\_\_\_\_

"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety, not with broidered hair or gold, or pearls, or costly array." (KJV)

1 Timothy 2: 9 - \_\_\_\_\_

"Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments." (NASB)

Modest (KJV) or Proper (NASB) is Kosmos in Greek:

Well Ordered, Harmonious, Decent, Well Arranged.

Shamefacedness (KJV) or Modest (NASB) is Aidōs in Greek:

Standards as they relate to others. "Normal"

A great deal of teaching on the subject of "modest" has always tried to say it implies "covered up" when it is talking about "appropriate to the circumstances."

Specifically, it seems to be talking about expense in hair styles, jewelry and the latest fashions. The problem of the day seems to have been women competing socially by spending lavishly on their appearance to appear more wealthy than others.

1 Peter 3:3 - \_\_\_\_\_

"Whose adorning let not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel." KJV

"Adorning" here is the Greek word Kosmos, which nowhere else is translated "adorning." It is usually translated "world" or some variation thereof. The second "adorning" in the sentence is not in the Greek text.

Using a more ordinary translation of Kosmos, it would read -

"Whose world let not be that of the outward, of plaiting of the hair, nor of wearing of gold or putting on of apparel."

The issue of the day regardless of which way you read it seems to be that the women of the day were relying on external appearances to appear wealthy, and Peter is admonishing them to rely on their internal character.

1 Peter 3:4 - \_\_\_\_\_

Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. (NIV)

EASRtl: \_\_\_\_\_

External Adornment Should Reflect the Internal.

TBwRtP: \_\_\_\_\_

The Body will Reflect the Person

TFwRtC: \_\_\_\_\_

The Face will Reflect the Character

TOYB,tLFII: \_\_\_\_\_

The Older You Become, the Less Free It Is

IBCLtEB: \_\_\_\_\_

Internal Beauty Commonly Leads to External Beauty

Mere External Beauty can be FA: \_\_\_\_\_

False Advertising

# Agathos Women 2

T20%R:DN: \_\_\_\_\_

The 20% Rule: Dress Normal

If 20% or more of similarly situated women in similar situations would dress that way, then it is presumptively okay.

LoA: \_\_\_\_\_ - Your chosen Appearance is a Language that communicates information to others. If you say something with your appearance, expect others to treat you like you said what you said.

Language of Appearance

WaYA? \_\_\_\_\_. Beauty? Sex?

What are You Advertising?

CiC: \_\_\_\_\_. Comedienne Rita Rudner: *"You can be the hot chick at the dance club in Vegas or the hooker at the PTA meeting!"*

Context is Critical

"The Bikini Rule." In Southern California right now, 20% or more of women with a nice body commonly wear bikinis at the beach or pool. So Agathos Women living here and now who have the body would be likely to wear bikinis at a church beach or pool party.

1 Corinthians 8:13: TSaBP: \_\_\_\_\_

The Stumbling a Brother Principle

This principle is not applicable to this situation - even though it is commonly used in this way. Stumbling a Brother was taught regarding Meat Sacrificed to Idols.

SaB:TAtDaWTfTbYE: \_\_\_\_\_

Stumbling a Brother: Tempting Another to Do a Wrong Thing for THEM by Your Example

If eating meat sacrificed to idols was wrong for someone but okay for you, and they saw you do it, they might do it, too. For you, it's just BBQ. For them, it's worshipping the idol. This is the Language of Behavior Principle.

Stumbling a Sister: *Brazillian Christian Beauty meets an Amish Christian Beauty at a Private Pool...*

Matthew 5:28 - \_\_\_\_\_

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. KJV

Alternative reading \_\_\_\_\_

"Whomever looks upon a woman in order to lust after her is an adulterer himself in his heart."

T:WYEWtDSYWKiW: \_\_\_\_\_

Temptation: When Your Emotions Want to Do Something Your Will Knows is Wrong

L:IWIIC: \_\_\_\_\_

Lust: I Would If I Could

Problem: Men Lust. Solution: Change the Woman? Change the Man? Analyze.

ACEitBPtTC: \_\_\_\_\_

A Church Environment is the Best Place to Train Character

If a man struggles with Lust at the beach because he sees a lot of beautiful women in skin tight outfits (one-piece bathing suits), a lot of great legs (shorts), and women in bikinis, thinking of them only as sex objects because he does not know any of them – the solution is for him to connect feminine beauty to morally pure women who he knows as human beings. Where better to do this than a Christian environment?

# Agathos Women 3

## PROVERBS 31: 10-31

10. An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels.

AGPiP: \_\_\_\_\_  
A Great Partner is Priceless!

11. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. 12. She does him good and not evil all the days of her life.

AGPiPNaO: \_\_\_\_\_  
A Great Partner is a Partner NOT an Opponent

13. She looks for wool and flax and works with her hands in delight. 14. She is like merchant ships. She brings her food from afar. 15. She rises also while it is still night and gives food to her household and portions to her maidens. 16. She considers a field and buys it. From her earnings she plants a vineyard... 18. She senses that her gain is good. Her lamp does not go out at night. 19. She stretches out her hands to the distaff, and her hands grasp the spindle... 21. She is not afraid of the snow for her household, for all her household are clothed with scarlet. 22. She makes coverings for herself. Her clothing is fine linen and purple... 24. She makes linen garments and sells and supplies belts to the tradesmen.

AGPTCotT: \_\_\_\_\_  
A Great Partner Takes Care of the Team

Take Note: She has her own earnings. She controls her own money. She invests on her own. She tends to her primary responsibilities, but she has an economic life as well.

Take Note: "...and portions to her maidens." One reason she has time to get so much done is she has staff! Anything done by staff is attributed to the employer!

17. She girds herself with strength and makes her arms strong.

AGPiIGS: \_\_\_\_\_  
A Great Partner is in Great Shape

23. Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land.

AGPiAGL: \_\_\_\_\_  
A Great Partner is a Great Leader

Kingmaker Technique:

1. L: \_\_\_\_\_

2. AQ: \_\_\_\_\_

3a: AtS: \_\_\_\_\_

3b: DtAMQ: \_\_\_\_\_

4. FRDFD: \_\_\_\_\_

Listen. Ask Questions. Agree then Support. Disagree then Ask More Questions.  
Final Responsibility Determines Final Decision.

25. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she smiles at the future.

AGPiEAtF: \_\_\_\_\_  
A Great Partner is Excited About the Future

26. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

AGPiaGT \_\_\_\_\_

A Great Partner is a Great Teacher

Wisdom: AK: \_\_\_\_\_

Step 1: K \_\_\_\_\_ - You must amass knowledge!

Step 2: A \_\_\_\_\_ - "Knowledge is Power" is NOT Correct. Knowledge is only Power when Properly APPLIED.

Applied Knowledge. Step 1: Knowledge. Step 2: Application

"Teaching of Kindness" includes

TObK: \_\_\_\_\_

Teaching Others to be Kind

KTW: \_\_\_\_\_

Kindly Teaching Wisdom

20. She extends her hand to the poor, and she stretches out her hands to the needy... 27. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

AGPHWtD \_\_\_\_\_

A Great Partner Has Work to Do

The goal of wealth is NOT to be one of the "idle rich."

The goal of passive wealth (you can live your lifestyle without working) is to unleash your time to fulfill some cause, some call, some purpose beyond yourself.

28. Her children rise up and bless her. Her husband, he praises her. 29. "Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all."

AGPiWoB&P: \_\_\_\_\_

A Great Partner is Worthy of Blessings and Praise

30. Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain. A woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.

AGPRUT: \_\_\_\_\_

A Great Partner Respects Ultimate Truths

"Charm is deceitful" means that public behavior may or may NOT tell you what things are like "behind closed doors." Most socialites are Charming in public. Most people are nice to your face.

"Beauty is vain" does not mean that looking beautiful is being vain. It means that external beauty cannot be the foundation of one's worth. "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity!" Ecclesiastes 1:2b. It means it is not the value we may think it is.

31. Give her the product of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

AGPDtFoHL: \_\_\_\_\_

A Great Partner Deserves the Fruit of Her Labors

AGPSbPE: \_\_\_\_\_

A Great Partner Should be Publicly Edified

Ladies: AtBSaW \_\_\_\_\_

Aspire to BE Such a Woman

Gentlemen: AtBWoSaW \_\_\_\_\_

Aspire to Be WORTHY of Such a Woman

# Agathos Women 4

Galatians 3:28. *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”*

Male, Female

This verse states the fundamental equality of men and women in Christianity. In addition, Jesus Himself violated many local customs regarding women. He treated them as equal in value to men, even if still different in roles.

1 Corinthians 14:34-35. *Let \_\_\_\_\_ in the churches: for it is \_\_\_\_\_ unto them \_\_\_\_\_; but [they are commanded] to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for \_\_\_\_\_.*

Women Keep Silence, Not Permitted, to Speak, It is a Shame for Women to Speak in the Church

The Corinthian Church had a problem with \_\_\_\_\_.

Their services were chaotic with people speaking in tongues, prophesying, and calling across the room in the middle of services.

Chaos and Abused Freedoms

LoB:BHM \_\_\_\_\_

Language of Behavior: Behaviors Have Meaning

Corinthian women reveled in the freedom they had in Christ. They displayed this behavior publically, and it brought shame to them and to the Corinthian Church.

IRAtAoM: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

I Rebel Against the Authority of Men

Some would pray with their heads uncovered. This was a symbol of authority reserved for the male head of household. By doing it herself, she was announcing that she was rebelling against her husband's or father's authority.

IAaP: “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

I Am a Prostitute

Some would cut their hair short. This was the hairstyle of prostitutes. By doing this, she was announcing that the Christian Church has “Church Prostitutes.”

MoOS, WotOS: \_\_\_\_\_

The Traditional Jewish Seating Arrangement was for men and women to be on opposite sides of the room. The Corinthian Church likely used this arrangement.

Men on One Side, Women on the Other Side

If the wife had a question, she would interrupt the service to ask her question.

She might have asked or argued in the service with the teacher. Or she might ask her husband, shouting across the room and disrupting the service (insofar as a Corinthian service could be disrupted, as chaotic as it already was!).

Paul Admonition is O!OitC! \_\_\_\_\_

Order! Order in the Church!

The whole theme of Paul's admonition is “Order in the Church!” Women shouting across the room, men and women giving messages in tongues or prophesying randomly, and general chaos was the problem he was solving.

1 Corinthians 11:16. *“But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.”*

Paul said this after discussing hair and head coverings. This was a huge issue of rebellion! He even said that if a woman was going to violate the rule, she may as well have her head shaved (a penalty for being caught in adultery!). Then he says

“If this is a big issue for you, it's \_\_\_\_\_ – it's more like \_\_\_\_\_, really.”

Not Exactly a Code, Guidelines

## Agathos Women 5

1 Timothy 2:12. *“But I suffer not a \_\_\_\_\_, nor to \_\_\_\_\_ over the man, but to be in \_\_\_\_\_.”*

Woman to Teach, Usurp Authority, Silence

“Man” may be translated as either MoH: \_\_\_\_\_

“Woman” may be translated as WoW: \_\_\_\_\_

Man or Husband, Woman or Wife

“to Teach” means Instruct, Socratic Teaching (questioning someone as a teacher leading them to a conclusion), Instill Doctrine, Explain, Expound (explain in detail, “unpack”).

“nor usurp” means “\_\_\_\_\_,” “\_\_\_\_\_” or “\_\_\_\_\_” to have...

to Not Take by Force, But Not, Not Even

“authority” is “authenteo” - which includes BtA: \_\_\_\_\_,

aAM: \_\_\_\_\_, G: \_\_\_\_\_,

EDO: \_\_\_\_\_. The word goes so far as having the power to “kill” (literally, but perhaps also metaphorically)

Be the Authority, an Absolute Authority, Governor, Exercise Dominion Over

“Silence” means S: \_\_\_\_\_ - not making sound, but also means, Q: \_\_\_\_\_ as in temperament or conduct, not in sound. More completely, it is a “description of the life of one who stays at home doing his own work, and does not officiously meddle with the affairs of others.”

Silence, Quietness

Officiously means OA: \_\_\_\_\_

Objectionably Aggressive

1 Timothy 2:12 may properly be translated *“But I do not permit a wife to be her husband’s doctrinal instructor, nor to have ultimate authority over her husband, but to attend to her proper place as a wife.”*

This understanding of 1 Timothy 2:12 is more consistent with Galatians 3:28. Most of the time you see clear instruction where men have an obligation to serve as leader, and women have an obligation to submit to leadership or not assume leadership, it is consistently in the husband/wife relationship.

Given an ambiguity, some churches would rather err on the side of being conservative. In this case, if it appears God MIGHT have intended that a woman not ever teach or preach or instruct if a man is in the audience, they will not ever allow it “just in case.” This is perfectly legitimate!

Agathos would rather err on the side of Freedom. We do NOT want to tell God that as far as we are concerned, He is not permitted to ever call a woman to leadership if there are men to be instructed. The Agathos way is this: Short of being the final authority over her own husband, a woman might be called by God to teach, to lead, and to wield authority.

Titus 2:3-5 speaks of older women teaching younger women. No church has ever had any problem with women teaching women or girls. Most have no problem with women teaching children (but some do have a problem with women teaching boys!). Many churches are okay with a woman teaching so long as there is a man in church over her. A few are okay with a woman as a senior pastor.

At Agathos, we believe God may call a woman to any position He chooses. We are open to that. There might be a particular group God intends to reach, and a particular woman might be just the person to do it.

# Agathos Women 6

“Agathos Women” are WHSttAW: \_\_\_\_\_  
Women Who Skew to the Agathos Way

TAWItRtDwtAW: \_\_\_\_\_  
The Agathos Way Includes the Right to Disagree with the Agathos Way

As a General Rule: E80/20 \_\_\_\_\_, A20D: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expect 80/20, Assume 20% Disagreement

Those who disagree with more than 20% are unlikely to stay with Agathos.

Agathos Women: are ACPAC: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agathos Christians Practicing Assertive Christianity

RiMITAWB \_\_\_\_\_

APMBCA \_\_\_\_\_

TBitUPSMfC \_\_\_\_\_  
Reality is More Important Than Anything We Believe, All Principles Must Be Consistently Applied, The Bible is the Undisputed Primary Source Material for Christianity

AC \_\_\_\_\_ is about what you are F \_\_\_\_\_

(NOT what you are A \_\_\_\_\_), about what you P \_\_\_\_\_

(NOT what you A \_\_\_\_\_), about what you D \_\_\_\_\_ (NOT what you DND \_\_\_\_\_).

Assertive Christianity, FOR, against, Pursue, avoid, DO, do not do.

Agathos Women follow the 20R: \_\_\_\_\_ in clothing/bathing suit styles.  
20% Rule

Agathos Women tend to be A \_\_\_\_\_ (from the inside out)  
because TTGCoTB \_\_\_\_\_

TWtABttW \_\_\_\_\_

THFaC \_\_\_\_\_  
Attractive, They Take Good Care of Their Bodies, They Want to Add Beauty to the World, They Have Faith and Confidence

Agathos Women DNMTBBAbM: \_\_\_\_\_

because they understand that they are beautiful from the inside-out, and their bodies are NOT “just about sex.” They UMS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ - Men in the Lives of Agathos  
Women will not experience the 50% Despised, 30% Tolerated, & 20% Loved that most men experience in their relationships with most women.

They AtMiM: \_\_\_\_\_

and encourage men to be authentically, powerfully masculine.

Do Not Mind Their Beauty Being Admired By Men, Understand Masculine Sexuality, Appreciate the Man in Men

Agathos Womanhood is about being a...

PK \_\_\_\_\_ - Noble Lady and Strong Warrior

ALG \_\_\_\_\_ - Adding Life and Beauty to All

SL \_\_\_\_\_ - An Unleashed Leader being Lead

IT \_\_\_\_\_ - Motivating Others to be their Best

Princess Knight, Adventurous Life Giver, Submitted Leader, Inspiring Treasure

Agathos Women are KM: \_\_\_\_\_ - Looking for Men who are

KP \_\_\_\_\_, NG: \_\_\_\_\_,

VP: \_\_\_\_\_, EL \_\_\_\_\_.

Knight Protectors, Noble Gentlemen, Value Providers, Example Leaders

and helping inspire them to be very best that is in Men with the very best that is in them as Women – and (men take note) settling for nothing less than an AM \_\_\_\_\_.

King Makers, Agathos Man