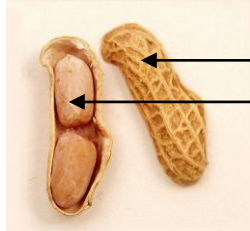
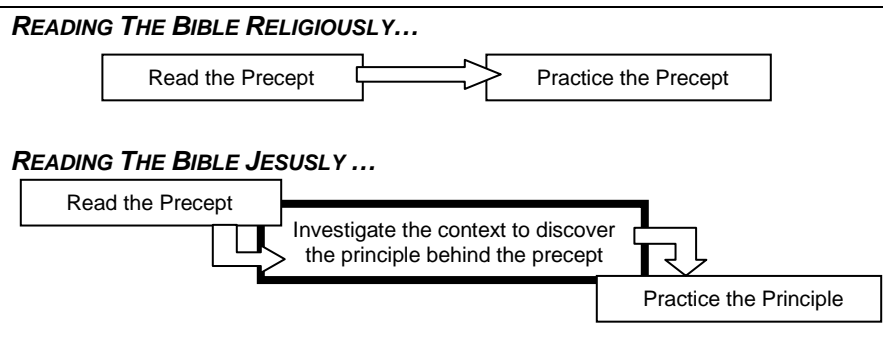




Part 8: Girls Gone Mild

INTRODUCTION – Applying the Jesus Hermeneutic



Matthew 5:17; 7:12; 12:1-8; John 5:39-40; Romans 13:10

DINE IN – Hair, Head Coverings, and Holiness

1 Corinthians 11:1-16

PAUL'S PRINCIPLES...

- 1) Aside from God, everyone has a head, so get used to it.
- 2) Even though women don't participate in Jewish or Pagan religious services, it's time to change that for Christ-followers.
- 3) For women/wives leading in the service, no naked hair.
- 4) Besides, a head covering is useful since it functions as a woman's sign of her own (or her submission to) authority.
- 5) Although Adam was the source of Eve, from then on all women are the source of all men. So, keep gender relationships in balance. In Christ our differences should never trump our unity and our mutual dependence.
- 6) Be mindful of the angels. (Note: Luke 15:7; Ephesians 3:10; 1 Timothy 5:21; Hebrews 13:2; 1 Peter 1:12; but also see Genesis 6:1-2.) [When we gather for worship, angels worship with us.]
- 7) Where it does not involve compromise, express your faith in culturally connecting ways. (Also see 9:12, 19-23.)
- 8) Stay in step with the rest of the Body of Christ.

TAKE OUT – I'll Have That to Go Please

TAKE OUT #1 – Gender Equality

In all of this discussion, we should not miss the fundamental radical point that Paul sees women and men as fully participating together in Christian worship.

TAKE OUT #2 – Gender Diversity

God wants us to be male and female, not just generically human. We should celebrate God's created design by expressing our unity AND our diversity.

TAKE OUT #3 – Modesty

From Scripture we learn the value of modesty. From our culture and custom we learn the method of modesty.

TAKE OUT #4 - Leadership

Those involved in public leadership within the church should be extra cautious not to provoke division or desire.

CONCLUSION – Fostering Unity with Other Churches

1 Corinthians 4:17; 7:17; 11:16

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HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

Warming Up...

1. Try explaining, in ways a non-Christian could understand, how we interpret and apply the Bible to our lives as Christ-followers today.

Look to the Book...

2. Review the sermon notes first, then read **1 Corinthians 11:1-16**. a) What verse or idea stands out to you? Why? b) Paul says, literally, that he "praises" the Corinthians for some things and doesn't "praise" them for others (see **11:2** and **11:17**). What is "praise" and how is the praise we give people similar/different to the praise we give God? c) What is the value and/or danger of the apparently biblical teaching that a husband is the "head" of his wife? d) How does this passage help us understand Paul's apparent prohibition against women participating in the services in **14:34-35**?

So What?...

3. What are some contemporary equivalents to the Corinthians' naked hair and/or head coverings that Christ-following women and men should be mindful of today?
4. How are you doing at standing out in a crowd because of your love more than because of your look?
5. Let's talk more about modesty... a) What might motivate us towards being immodest? b) What impact does modesty and immodesty have on our relationships, same gender and different gender? c) What feelings come to mind when you think of living a modest life and living among modest people?
6. If you are distracted by a brother or sister who is immodest in their dress, how should we respond? a) Leave it between them and God? b) Approach them on the issue? If so, how? c) Talk to a church leader and ask them to talk to the person? d) Talk to a church leader for advice? e) Other?

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