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PAUL ENCOURAGES PRAYER

1 So then, first of all I encourage

- entreaties,
- prayers,
- intersessions, and
- giving of thanks

to be made in behalf of all men, 2 in behalf of kings and all of those being in prominent positions, in order that we might be causing a quiet and restful mode of life to continue in a state of nothing but reverence and dignity.

3 For,¹ this is beautiful and acceptable in the eyes of the Savior that is ours – namely, God – 4 Who wishes all people to be saved and to come as far as a recognition of truth.

PAUL DESCRIBES THE MEDIATOR AND HIS RELATIONSHIP TO HIM

5 For, *there is*

- ONE God – *just* ONE; and
- a mediator between God and men –
 - a man,
 - an anointed One,
 - Jesus,
 - 6 the One who gave Himself as a ransom in behalf of all,
 - the Testimony for their own *critical* state of affairs,

7 for which *Testimony* I, *for my part*, was made a herald and an apostle – I speak truth; I am not lying! – *that is*, a teacher of ethnic groups with respect to faith and truth.

PAUL ENCOURAGES THE MEN TO PRAY

8 So then, I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up consecrated hands, without anger and argument.

PAUL ENCOURAGES WOMEN

TO ADORN THEMSELVES IN A BEFITTING WAY

9 In the same way also, *I want the*² women to adorn

themselves

- with well-ordered restraint,
- together with regard for others and soundness of mind,
- not with
 - chaplets or³
 - gold⁴ or
 - pearls or
 - very expensive apparel,
- 10 rather, *with* what is conspicuously befitting for women who are *publicly* proclaiming God-fearing service – *that is*, by way of good deeds.

PAUL ADDRESSES THE PLACE OF A WOMAN IN THE DIVINE ORDER AND REASONS FOR IT

11 Let a woman learn in an *inner* state of quietness, - *that is*, in an *inner* state of complete, *voluntary* submission to *divine* order.

12 Now, I do not leave *it* to a woman to teach nor to have authority over a man. Rather, *I leave it to a woman* to be in a state of *inner* quietness.

13 For, Adam was formed earlier; afterward Eve was *formed*.

14 Also, Adam was not deceived. Now, the woman lastingly came to be one who had been deceived⁵ by means of a deviation⁶.

PAUL POINTS TO A BLESSED SITUATION IN WHICH A WOMAN MIGHT SPIRITUALLY FLOURISH

15 Now, she shall be saved by means of the Childbirth⁷, if ever she might remain in a state of

- faith, and
- love. and
- consecration

with soundness of mind.

3:1a The Word is TRUSTWORTHY!

¹ 97% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), include the conjunction 'For,' here.

² 97% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), include the definite article 'the' here.

³ 95% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), have 'or' here instead of 'and'.

⁴ 85% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), have 'gold' (the metal) here. On the basis of 5% the NU has 'a piece of gold'. The remaining manuscripts

have 'pieces of silver and gold'.

⁵ 94% of the Greek manuscripts, including the best line of transmission (f35), have 'a woman who had been deceived' here instead of 'a woman who had been thoroughly deceived'.

⁶ 'deviation' – or, 'a step in the wrong direction'

⁷ 'by means of the Childbirth' – 'Childbirth is preceded with a definite article, indicating something known beforehand or well-known – presumably, the well-known birth of the Child, Jesus. Or, this prepositional phrase might be translated as 'in the state of child-bearing', which state is also well-known.