

TABLE MANNERS AND ETIQUETTE

The Bible is a book of ethics. There are a lot of verses in the Bible that suggest or imply or teach or exhort the believers to be ethical:

A. I Corinthians 14:40

1. Decency
2. Order

* Disorderly conduct is a product of a disorderly minds.

* The believers ought to live an orderly and decent lives.

- Poverty is not an excuse to be ethical.
- The first thing in orderliness and decency is CLEANLINESS.
- We should be clean in everything!
- Ethical = savagery
Decency = Barbaric
Order = Unclean

- Religion has something to do with cleanliness.
- You do not have to be rich to be clean. People are dirty because they are lazy.

B. I Timothy 2:9 – modest apparel

- Modern apparels of today cater to human instinct of man. (sensual).
- 40% of the beauty of the girl depends on how you order your hair.

- “with shamefacedness” meaning being careful that you show fleshly attitude to man.
- V. 10 – please God – profess godliness.
- V. 11 – woman arguing with men is not good. Women ought not to always get angry. They must be in subjection.

C. Romans 14:16, 20 - eating

D. Colossians 4: 5-6

- Speak with grace (sweet speech)

E. I Thessalonians 5: 12-15 – Pastors are firm but not bossy.

WHAT IS ETIQUETTE?

The manners and forms of social and official behavior.

It is a conventional way of expressing respect and kindness. It is like a language - it communicates and expresses. The language of manners and not words.

RITUALS AND RULES FOR TODAY:

1. Is it more trouble than its worth?
2. Does it offend someone?
3. Is it awkward?
4. Is it pompous or lavish?
5. Is it too expensive for the average person?
6. Is it kind?
7. Will it make it easier to deal with other people.

- In table manners – eating is an art.