

A. Learning is to be done in \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Learning is to be done in \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Women should not \_\_\_\_\_ or assume \_\_\_\_\_ over men (2:12; 1 Cor. 14:34-35).**

**1 TIMOTHY 2:12:** “I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet.”

### WHAT PAUL IS NOT SAYING

A. He is **not** saying women cannot \_\_\_\_\_ at all in church (1 Cor. 11:5; 14:1-5).

B. He is **not** saying women cannot teach because they are \_\_\_\_\_.

C. He is **not** saying women cannot teach \_\_\_\_\_ at any time.

- **Women teach \_\_\_\_\_** (Deut. 6:4-9; 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14-15; 1 Tim. 5:20).
- **Women teach \_\_\_\_\_ privately** (Acts 18:18-28).
- **Women teach \_\_\_\_\_** (Titus 2:3-5).
- **We teach \_\_\_\_\_** (Col. 3:16)

D. He is **not** saying women cannot teach any \_\_\_\_\_ at all.

E. He is **not** saying women cannot be in any \_\_\_\_\_ at church (1 Cor. 12-14; Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Pet. 4:10-11; Eph.4:11-16; Rom. 16:3-5; Phil. 4:2-3).

F. He is **not** saying all \_\_\_\_\_ should teach (1 Cor. 12:28; Jam. 3:1; 1 Tim. 3:2; 5:17).

### WHAT PAUL IS SAYING

Paul is saying that women are not permitted to teach / preach Christian doctrine in the context of the church Worship service with men present. Such an activity is an exercise of authority over a man.

### REASONS FOR THE INSTRUCTION

**REASON #1:** The role of teaching & preaching belongs to male \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Tim 3:2; 5:17).

**REASON #2:** God's \_\_\_\_\_ in Creation.

**1 TIMOTHY 2:13:** “*For* Adam was formed first, then Eve.”

### MALE LEADERSHIP IN GENESIS

- **Adam** was given the responsibility to work in the garden and care for it – **Genesis 2:15**.
- **Adam** was given ‘*the command*’ and then passes it on to Eve – **Genesis 2:17; 3:1-3**.
- **Adam** named all the animals and Eve – **Genesis 1:26-28; 2:18-20; 3:20**.
- **Adam** had Eve taken from his side – **Genesis 2:20-22**.
- **Adam** was called into account by God after the fall (When they sinned), even though Eve also ate from the tree – **Genesis 3:9**.
- **Adam** is blamed in the N.T for bringing sin into the world – **Romans 5:12**.
- **All men** are called to be the ‘*head*’ in the home according to the N.T – **Ephesians 5:23**.

**REASON #3:** Eve \_\_\_\_\_ Adam’s Authority (2:14; Genesis 3:1-6).

**1 TIMOTHY 2:14:** “And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner.”

“Certainly one of Adam’s failures in the fall was his abdication of responsibility for leadership. Instead of obeying God and leading his wife, he *disobeyed God* and *followed his wife’s lead* (by eating the fruit). For this reason, God begins His sentence against Adam, ‘because you have listened to the voice of your wife’ (Gen.3:17). In the Fall, therefore, God’s intended order of authority was reversed. As Gordon Wenham puts it, ‘Eve listened to the serpent instead of Adam; Adam listened to his Eve instead of God.’”

Ron Rhodes, “*The Debate Over Feminist Theology: Which View is Biblical?*”, Christian Research Journal, Summer 1991, 24.

### 3. Women Should \_\_\_\_\_ the False Teachers (2:15).

**1 TIMOTHY 2:15:** “But women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.”

“The women with whom Paul is concerned in this paragraph are all almost certainly married, so that he can mention one central role – bearing children – as a way of designating appropriate female roles generally. Probably Paul makes this point because the false teachers were claiming that women could *really* experience what God has for them only if they abandoned the home and became actively involved in teaching and leadership roles in the church. If this interpretation is correct, then verse 15 fits perfectly with the emphasis we have seen in this text throughout. Against all attempt of the false teachers to get the women in Ephesus to adopt ‘libertarian’ unbiblical attitudes and behavior, Paul affirms the Biblical model of the Christian woman adorned with good works rather than with outward, seductive trappings, learning quietly and submissively, refraining from taking positions of authority over men, giving attention to those roles which God has especially called women.”

**Douglas Moo, “What Does it Mean Not to Teach or Have Authority Over Men?”, *Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood: A Response to Evangelical Feminism*, 192.**

## FINAL THOUGHTS

God’s design for male leadership in the church may be counter cultural, yet it is still his plan for the proper conduct of his own household and designed to bring about the greatest amount of JOY.

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your reaction to Sunday’s message & 1 Timothy 2:9-15?
2. What questions do you still have from Sunday’s message and 1 Timothy 2:9-15?
3. What is the purpose of 1 Timothy according to 1 Timothy 1:3 & 3:14-15? What proper ‘*conduct*’ for the church does Paul give Timothy in 2:1-3:13?
4. Why is a woman’s modesty so important for men? Paul does not define the specifics of what is modest for our time, but he does give some direction (1 Tim 2:9-10). What should modesty look like in our day? Is Paul opposed to women wearing fine clothes, jewelry and having expensive hairstyles?
5. Is it possible that Paul’s teaching in 1 Timothy 2:9-15 was just for the church in Ephesus and does not apply to all churches and all times? Why or why not?
6. 1 Timothy 2:12 says that women are not permitted to teach or have authority over men. Sometimes people respond to this one verse in a way that eclipses all the great ministries women can be part of. Take time to create a list of as many ministries as possible.

Prayer

# God’s Blueprint for the Church

## Today: “The Conduct of Women in the Church”

1 Timothy 2:9-15 / Pastor Cory Anderson / SMC / 11.27.11

### Introduction:

**1 TIMOTHY 2:9-15:** “I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, **10** but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God. **11** A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. **12** I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. **13** For Adam was formed first, then Eve. **14** And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. **15** But women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.”

### 1. Women Should Have Proper \_\_\_\_\_ (2:9-10).

- Adorn Yourself \_\_\_\_\_ (2:9).

**1 TIMOTHY 2:9:** “I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes...”

- Adorn Yourself with \_\_\_\_\_ (2:10)

**1 TIMOTHY 2:10:** “...but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.”

**1 PETER 3:3-5:** “Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. **4** Rather, 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. **5** For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves.”

### 2. Women Should \_\_\_\_\_ and Not \_\_\_\_\_ (2:11-15).

- Women should \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ & full \_\_\_\_\_ (2:11).

**1 TIMOTHY 2:11:** “A woman should learn in quietness and full submission.”

## TWO OBSERVATIONS

