

We Are the Living Picture of God - 1 Timothy

God's Order for Women & Men in the Church Matters - 1Tim. 2:11-15

Introduction: Godly living in the local church is a tangible picture to the world of God's saving heart. It's men maturing, confessing sin, ready to pray. Women, internal/external adornment, good works. This is God's design for order and beauty in His Church. (1Tim. 2:3-10)

I. What a Christian woman in corporate/teaching context does: She must be learning. vs. 11

Imperative usage literally: "Let a woman be learning..." in context of Elders and their qualified teachers

"in quietness": not making herself be heard when there is lead, teacher

"in submissiveness": contented with teaching of others, not re-teaching

So, a Christian woman gives herself to learning, even under others

II. What Christian woman in corporate/teach context does not do: vs.12

A. Does not teach in this context. Greek: *didaskein* doctrinal, public instr.

B. Exercise authority over man. This is elder, pastor/teacher role in chu.

1 Corinthians 14:33-35

May a woman not enter into a sphere of action in gathered church that God is not allowing

III. God's reason why a woman must not teach in this context vs. 13-14

A. The fact of creation's order

Genesis 2:18-25

1 Corinthians 11:7-9, 11

B. The fact of sin—it's order and implication vs. 14

Eve's choice was to ignore God's ordained position for her

IV. God's remedy for problem that women face because Eve's sin vs. 15

A. "Saved she shall be" – women exhibit salvation as they continue by:

1. Faith (belief, trust) not in doubt or fear

2. Love *agape*

3. Holiness

4. Self-restraint, discretion. Passion is in check

IV. God's remedy...

B. "Saved she shall be through childbearing" v. 15

(remember context: woman's role in gatherings w/ leader's teaching)

woman walks in path of daily salvation thru gen'l. path of marr/children

(remember: this is generalization, not all women in church do this)

Summary Statements for Clarification:

1. Remember the context of this passage.

Outside of the gathered church, we must be careful in trying to apply this passage!

2. Roles in the church are a separate issue from gender equality

Galatians 3:28 & Genesis 1:27

Application: The way God designed His Church to operate is very different than the culture. His design will not look like the world—the world will even be offended because it's not their idea. Rather, it transcended from God!

Contentment, fulfillment in the work of Christ—saving you and making you now whole and hope-filled, this will make the world take note and it will speak of the saving heart of God.

"God desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of truth"
1Timothy 2:4

How about you?

1Timothy 2:11-15

Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

