

Conducting Corporate Worship

1 Timothy 2:9-15

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Men were addressed in verse 8 about their anger and quarreling and their need of prayer

Women are now addressed about their modesty

- For their sake as well as for the men's
- NOT saying they can't wear these things
- IS saying what is even more important to adorn themselves with
 - Respectable apparel
 - Modesty
 - Self-control
 - Proper for women who profess godliness (dress to represent who you work for)
 - With good works

God wants the inside and the outside to represent Him. **1 Peter 3:3-4**

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Quietly – (also v. 12) stillness, desistance from bustle or language

Submissiveness – not a bad word

- Our submission to Jesus is not a bad thing
- James 4:6-7 - *But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

12-14

Teach OR exercise authority

- Or meaning both

In regards to public, assembled church, setting

- Not regarding government or business (Deborah the judge, Phoebe, Tabitha)

Over men

- Not in regards to other women (Titus 2:4) or children (2 Timothy 1:5)

2 reasons:

Verse 13

- Adam formed first
- Structural reason
 - Godhead structure, family structure, church structure
 - Man's job to protect this structure and not abuse it

Verse 14

- Eve was deceived
- She was easily misled (deceived)
- She became transgressor (violation)
- Adam's sin was one of conscious decision (Romans 5:12 sin entered through him)
 - He also didn't protect his wife

We also see in other places (1 Timothy 3, Titus) that the man is the one referred to in these roles of elder/pastor.

Definitions:

Deacon (or deaconess) – attendant, helper, server (1 Timothy 3)

Bishop (overseer) – superintendent, pastor, generally in charge of the church (1 Timothy 3)

Elder – presbyter, governs the church

Bishop/overseer and elder are interchangeable words. Often referred to as pastor/shepherd now.

- We will talk more about specific roles and qualifications in the weeks to come

3 ways of thinking when it comes to women in pastor/elder role:

- 1) Hierarchical – man/woman created to operate in different leadership spheres. Women are unable to hold church office. Focus of ministry needs to solely be on other women and children.
- 2) Complementarian – men/women are partners in every area of ministry and that all church leadership is open to be held by women with the exception of pastor/elder.
- 3) Egalitarian – women can hold any church leadership position including pastor/elder.

Assemblies of God believes:

The prophetic speaks that all are called including women (Acts 2, Joel 2)

God accepts and qualifies all that He needs for any role consistent with their calling and giftings.

(Experience + scripture) + (scripture + experience) = action and decision

- i.e. Peter/Cornelius in each others homes; Gentiles becoming Christians; Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)

A/G has ordained women preachers from the beginning

- Azusa Street Revival had women involved and emerge as leaders and preachers
- Many Pentecostal churches were started by women (Four Square, Apostolic)