

THE PASTORAL EPISTLES

I & II Timothy, Titus and Philemon

“God Speaks to His Church”

Women’s Role in the Church, Part I—I Timothy 2:9-15
February 21, 2010

A. Study Plan—Three Part Sermon

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| Week One—February 21 | Focus on verses 13 and 14 |
| Week Two—February 28 | Focus on verses 11 and 12 |
| Week Three—March 7 | Focus on verses 9, 10 and 15 |

B. Context

1. Paul is writing to Timothy with apostolic authority.
2. Issues within the Ephesian church
3. Issues related to corporate worship

C. Overview of our study

1. The authority and guide is God’s inspired Word, the Bible.

- a. Differences in how to interpret the Bible text
- b. How does culture fit into Biblical understanding?
- c. How do our prejudices & experiences affect the interpretation of the text?
- d. Foundations of good Bible study:

What does it say?	(Observations)
What does it mean?	(Interpretation)
How does it relate to my life?	(Application)

2. A very controversial and emotional issue

There have been and continue to be many attempts to “soften the harshness” of these apostolic instructions:

- a. There really are no differences between men and women
- b. Issue specific to Ephesus and the Diana/Artemis cult
- c. This is Paul’s opinion, not an authoritative command
- d. Paul’s instructions only apply to wives, not to all women
- e. Paul is only directing his instructions to cases of disruptions and disturbances
- f. Paul only forbids a woman to “domineer” over a man
- g. Others

3. This is what this church and the PCA believe the Bible teaches in its plain and simple reading. We understand that other churches and denominations hold very different views on this issue.

4. Our discussion will focus on the church and the family, not the culture, civil government or business.

5. Affirmation of women—God’s view of woman

- a. Men and women are of equal value and worth to God Galatians 3:28
- b. God created the two genders to complement and help the other Gen. 1:26-28
- c. Men and women are joint heirs of the grace of God I Peter 3:7
- d. Men and women have all the same gifts, abilities and capabilities
- e. This passage deals with the difference in roles and responsibilities. It has nothing to do with issues of inferiority.

D. Focus of verses 13 and 14

1. The command of verses 11 and 12

2. Analysis of verses 13 and 14

For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

b. Eve was deceived (v. 14)

In creating man first, God taught that men should take responsibility for leadership in relation to women. The fall of Adam and Eve shows that the neglect of this divine pattern puts men and women in a more vulnerable position and leads to transgression. In approaching Eve, the serpent subverted the pattern of male leadership and interacted only with Eve during the temptation. Eve took the initiative in responding to the serpent and Adam sinfully let her do it.

3. Why does God give this instruction? The argument from creation.

a. Genesis 1:26-28 and Genesis 2:18-25

God made the two sexes different in physical, spiritual and psychological ways. They live a perfect life in the Garden of Eden.

b. Genesis 3—The fall of man, the curse on man

1) Man and woman in conflict

Genesis 3:16

a) He will rule over you.

Male dominance/chauvinism, abuse

b) Her desire will be for her husband.

Female control & manipulation

The fall introduced distortions into the relationships between men and women. The theological foundation of manhood and womanhood is found in the Genesis account of the Scriptures. It is not based on intellect, cultural settings or circumstances.

2) The Promise

Genesis 3:15

What sin ruined, Christ recovered

APPLICATION

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