

THE PASTORAL EPISTLES
I & II Timothy, Titus and Philemon
“God Speaks to His Church”

Women’s Role in the Church, Part II—I Timothy 2:9-15
February 28, 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. There is a problem in the Ephesian church with false teaching.**

C. Overview of our study

- 1. The authority and guide is God’s inspired Word, the Bible.**
- 2. A very controversial and emotional issue**
- 3. What is shared is the view of this pastor, this group of elders, and the PCA denomination. This is what we 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**
 - Men and women are of equal value and worth to God Galatians 3:28
 - God created the two genders to complement and help the other Gen. 1:26-28
 - Men and women are joint heirs of the grace of God I Peter 3:7
 - Men and women have all the same gifts, abilities and capabilities
 - This passage deals with the difference in roles and responsibilities. It has nothing to do with issues of inferiority.

D. Review of Week One

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

- Adam was created first (vs. 13) (see Corinthians 11:3, 8-9)
- Eve was deceived (vs. 14)
- Study of Genesis, chapters 1-3
 - God’s original design in the Garden
 - Both created in the image of God, equal in value and worth
 - Men and women are complementary and created to need each other
 - Man as head of the relationship in role and responsibility
 - Man is to be the servant-leader and woman is to be the submissive/supportive helper
 - Genesis 3:16—The fall leads men and women into conflict.
 - He will rule over you. Male dominance/chauvinism, abuse
 - Her desire will be for her husband. Female control and manipulation issues. Genesis 3;15
 - The Promise Genesis 3;15
What sin ruined, Christ recovered

E. Analysis of verses 11 and 12

1. Greek/English translation

- 11** γυνὴ ἐν ἡσυχίᾳ μαθησθήτω ἐν πάσῃ ὑποταγῇ.
Woman in quietness let her be learning in all subjection

¹² διδάσκειν δὲ γυναικὶ οὐκ ἐπιτρέπω, οὐδὲ αὐθεντεῖν
ἀνδρός, ἀλλ' εἶναι ἐν ἡσυχίᾳ.

To be teaching yet woman not I am permitting nor authority
of man but to be in quietness.

2. Definition of words

Hēsuchia translates Quietness

Hupotasso translates Submission

Didasko translates Teach

Authenteo translates Authority

3. What the verse is talking about

a. Women are to learn

Not the norm in the Greek or Hebrew world.

They are disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. They are to be taught and they are to minister to others.

b. Women are to learn quietly with a submissive spirit

Submission is the principle; to learn in silence is a way to describe the application of the principle.

c. Women are not to teach or rule over men in the corporate church setting (or in the home).

The focus of the text is the authoritative preaching/teaching of the Word and the administration of church discipline and the sacraments.

The contrast is quietness versus teaching and submission versus exercising authority

d. The Bible does not teach that all women are to submit to men.

e. Only qualified males may teach and lead in the church.

The role of the Biblical elder—I Timothy 5:17

Qualifications for a Biblical elder—I Timothy 3:1-7

F. The powerful ministry of women in this church

1. Beyond this one Biblical restriction, women are at liberty to exercise their spiritual gifts to the fullest extent.

2. Women make a tremendous contribution to the body of Christ in areas including:

- ◆ Teaching other women and children
- ◆ Discipling other women
- ◆ Motherhood
- ◆ Supportive wives
- ◆ Missions
- ◆ Serving on all the church ministry areas
- ◆ Hospitality, mercy, diaconal ministries
- ◆ Etc., etc., etc.

Biblical examples: Titus 2:3-5; II Tim. 1:5 & 3:14; Acts 16:3; Acts 18:26

3. Position of our church and the PCA on the subject of verses 11 and 12

a. The PCA holds the position that the ordained offices of elders and deacons are for men only.

b. Chapin Presbyterian Church holds that:

- ◆ God has established a clear chain of authority in both the home and in the church, and in those spheres, God has ordained that men are the "head" - that is, that they have the place of authority and responsibility.
- ◆ Only qualified and approved men shall teach mixed gender adult groups.
- ◆ All teaching and curriculum is under the authority of the elders of the church.
- ◆ We will focus on constantly developing male leadership.

G. APPLICATION