

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

Women’s Role in the Church, Part III—I Timothy 2:9-15
March 7, 2010

A. Study Plan—Three Part Sermon

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**

D. Review of Week One and Two

1. The restriction of verses 11 and 12

- Women are to learn quietly with a submissive spirit.
- Women are not to teach or rule over men in the corporate church setting (or in the home).
- The bible does not teach that all women are to submit to all men.
- Only qualified males may teach and lead in the church.

2. 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.
 - The Promise **Genesis 3:15**
What sin ruined, Christ recovered

3. The powerful ministry of women in this church

4. Position of our church and the PCA of verses 11 and 12.

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

E. Analysis of verses 9 and 10

1. Verses 9 and 10

Women should be known for their **good works** not their **good looks**.

a. Her Apparel

Kosmio translates Adorn

Aidous translates Modesty

Sophrosunes translates Discreetly

b. Her Character/Godliness

Proverbs 31:30—“**Charm** is deceitful and **beauty** is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.”

I Peter 3:3-4—Your adornment must not be merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry or putting on dresses; but let be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

2. Verse 15

a. What the verse does not say

b. What the verse says

c. The Gospel

F. APPLICATION

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