



# *I Am Woman, Let's Restore*

## *A Biblical Study on Womanhood*

### ***Biblical Womanhood in the Church***

#### ***1 Timothy 2:9-15***

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1. Women Who \_\_\_\_\_ Godliness (2:9-10)

1) What Not To Wear

2) What To Wear

- Modesty
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Good Works

2. How Women Ought \_\_\_\_\_ Themselves in the Church

1) A Command (2:11)

- "To learn"
  - "in silence"
  - "with all submission"

"Silence is an attitude of the heart that prepares one for learning. It is also a concrete expression of the principle of submission, through which the pupil opens herself to hear first and then to do. It is a prerequisite for becoming a learner or disciple."

-Dorothy Patterson, *Women in the Church*

2) The Command Defined (2:12)

- "To teach"
- "To exercise authority"
- SUMMARY: In explaining what it means for a woman to learn in silence with all submission, Paul prohibits women from two separate events: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . The relationship is that of a principle ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) and specific application of that principle ( \_\_\_\_\_ ).
- What about 1 Corinthians 14:34-35?



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3. The \_\_\_\_\_ for this Adornment (2:13-14)

1) Adam was formed first (2:13)

• Genesis 1-2: God intended \_\_\_\_\_ from the beginning. For a woman \_\_\_\_\_ would be one way she reverses God's intended order; thus, she would be \_\_\_\_\_, rather than learning \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

• 1 Corinthians 11:2-12

- "wearing a head covering" communicated:

2) Adam was not deceived, Eve was (2:14)

• Eve was \_\_\_\_\_ because she stepped out from under the \_\_\_\_\_ of Adam and took the \_\_\_\_\_ over him. She disobeyed God's command and violated God's appointed roles for the sexes.

3) Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ are rooted in creation

4. God's \_\_\_\_\_ for Women Who Have Become Transgressors (2:15)

1) "Child-bearing"

2) **SUMMARY:** "In 1 Tim 2:15, Paul says that women will be spiritually preserved (from Satan) by adhering to their God-ordained role related to family and the home. This is contrasted with Eve, who transgressed those boundaries and fell into temptation. The way I construe the logic of 1 Tim 2:12-15 is as follows. In v.12, Paul sets boundaries for women in the church. In vv.13-14, Paul gives two reasons for this: (1) creation order: the man was created first, then the woman (v.13); (2) the scenario at the Fall: rather than God-man-woman-Satan, a complete reversal had taken place: Satan-woman-man-God. In v.15, Paul addresses the question, 'How can women today avoid the mistake made by Eve?' The answer: By adhering to their God-given boundaries and tending to their God-given responsibilities."

-Dr. Andreas Kostenberger



5. Women \_\_\_\_\_ at Crosspoint Church

1) Gracious Affirmation

- We should see these distinctions as a \_\_\_\_\_ from God, giving us the \_\_\_\_\_ to passionately pursue what we ultimately desire most. When we usurp these God-given roles, we are in actuality pursuing something \_\_\_\_\_ to our nature.

2) Specific Application

- Appropriate circumstances for teaching:

- Acts 18:26

- 2 Timothy 1:5, 3:14-15 (Acts 16:1)

- Titus 2:1, 3-5

- 9th Affirmation of the Danver's Statement

"With half the world's population outside the reach of indigenous evangelism; with countless other lost people in those societies that have heard the gospel; with the stresses and miseries of sickness, malnutrition, homelessness, illiteracy, ignorance, aging, addiction, crime, incarceration, neuroses, and loneliness, no man or woman who feels a passion from God to make His grace known in word and deed need ever live without a fulfilling ministry for the glory of Christ and the good of this fallen world."

- "...We must point ourselves, our churches, and our children to the future, affirming that **God's glory is at stake** in our response of obedience or disobedience to His design." -Albert Mohler

\* Final Challenge to Crosspoint Women: What are you going to adorn yourselves with? Will it be the inner disposition and attitude of submission manifesting itself in modesty, self-control, and good works?



## Week 6 Questions to Ponder

1. Reflect back on the study of 1 Timothy 2:9-15. How has your understanding of this passage changed? Or, how has this study solidified your convictions? Be prepared to discuss this with your small group.
2. I briefly addressed that *modesty* was a state of mind where a woman's reverence for God and regard for others is primary. It is an inward motivation and disposition expressed in the way she dresses. Does the way you dress express this? Explain.
3. We saw in 1 Timothy 2:11 that Paul assumed women would be learning (the context being spiritual things). He then goes on to explain how a woman is to learn. What are some ways you are actively "learning?" If you are not pursuing learning, develop a plan to start.
4. After studying several New Testament passages about biblical womanhood in the home and church, why was it necessary that we started this study, *I Am Woman, Let's Restore*, with Genesis 1-3? (Reference 1 Timothy 2:13-14.)
5. From 1 Corinthians 11:2-12, we saw that "wearing a head covering" was an external sign of submission for the women in the NT culture. It communicated a submissive demeanor and feminine adornment. Since we do not have a symbol like this today, what are some ways we can communicate a submissive demeanor and feminine adornment?
6. Respond to the Final Challenge given in the talk, *Biblical Womanhood in the Church*: What are you adorning yourself with? Is it the inner disposition and attitude of submission manifesting itself in modesty, self-control, and good works?
7. Take some time to think about and write out possible opportunities for women in kingdom ministry that aligns with what Scripture teaches concerning biblical womanhood. Note those that interest you most. Be prepared to share this with your small group.
8. Next week we will be looking at examples of godly women leaders in Scripture. Read and write your observations this week from Judges 4-5, 1 Samuel 25, Esther, and Acts 18:24-28.

