

Women's Lib or God's Word

1 Timothy 2:9-15

Introduction:

Anyone who is a serious student of the Word has studied the word "submission" and knows that the original meaning of the word means, "to rank under". **It is vital that we understand that the word "submission" has to do with order and authority, rather than value or ability.**

God told us in **1 Corinthians 14:40** to **"Let all things be done decently and in order."** This is a principle He follows in His creation. When there is no order in the military, the home, in civic life, or in the workplace, confusion dominates and disharmony follows. Submission is subjugation but recognizing God's created order in the home and Church and following it willingly, obediently, and joyfully.

For us all, submission is the key to spiritual growth and ministry. What does this mean for women in Church Life? There are several ways for women to follow the Lord's principles in the context of the local body of believers.

1. Women are admonished to be _____ . (2:9)

- **Modest** - "_____ and _____" (related to our English word, cosmetic)
- **Shamefacedness** - "modesty; the avoidance of _____"
- **Sobriety** - "having a _____ mind and good sense"; an inner self-control; a radar that tells people what is _____ and good.

2. Women are admonished to exemplify _____ . (2:10)

- **Dorcas** - Acts 9:36ff)
- **Lydia** (Acts 16:14ff)
- **Pricilla** (Acts 18:1-3)
- **Berean and Thessalonian Churches** - (Acts 17:4, 12)
- **Paul greeted at least 8 women in Romans 16**
- **Phebe** - carried the Roman epistle to its destination; deaconess (Romans 16:1)

3. Women are admonished to learn “in _____”. (2:11)

“In silence” - this is the same word translated “_____” in 1 Timothy 2:2

This admonition by Paul is not to shut down women in the sense of talking or having a platform in the learning process but rather to warn against abusing their freedom by causing disturbance in the gathering of believers. A similar admonition was given to the Corinthian Church but probably in the context of speaking in tongues. (1 Corinthians 13:34)

4. Women are admonished to follow God’s created _____ and _____. (2:12-15)

- **The argument of _____ created order.**
- **The argument of “_____”**

Conclusion:

The ministry of women was not to “run” or “oversee” the Church but to care for the home and bear children to the glory of God. Should we see the ministry of women in the home as a second rate responsibility? The congregation that a mother has in the home, including spouse and children, gives plenty of opportunity for teaching the Word and ministering to the saint’s in the Body of Christ. (Romans 16:1-16)

“When the Church departs from God's divine order put forth in His Word, she perpetuates the disastrous results of the Fall.”