

1 Timothy 2

Stay in Ephesus

Chapter 1

1. Greeting: Paul the Apostle
2. Limits of the Law: Convict not Save
3. Grace: Good News
4. Fight the Good Fight: Stay in Ephesus

I. God's Heart's Desire: That All Men are Saved

- Paul's instructs Timothy concerning "all" in the house of God

1 Therefore...

- **Therefore?** Because you are going to war...

I Timothy 1:18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may **wage the good warfare...**

- **NOTE:** Chapter breaks are not necessarily inspired

Because Spiritual Warfare is constant in our life as Christians...Pray!

1b ...I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, ² for kings and all who are in authority...

- **First** of all I urge you...
 1. Present supplication for ALL men: Request
 2. Pray for ALL men: Communication with God
 3. Intercede for ALL men: Empathy/Compassion for others expressed to God
 4. Give Thanks for ALL men...

Make sure to include...**kings and those in authority**

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

- **First of all:** Understand that **Warfare begins with prayer!**
- We also **benefit** from praying...

2b [Pray]... that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

- Pray for ALL men that our lives [Christians] may be...
 1. Quiet and Peaceable
 2. Godly and Reverent
- Pray that those in authority:
 1. Would leave us alone and...
 2. Would themselves come to know the Lord...

3 For this is **good** and **acceptable** in the sight of **God our Savior...**

Why does the Savior say it is "good and acceptable" for us to pray for others?

4 [God our Savior] desires **all men** to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- **God's Heart for all men:**
 1. All men to be Saved
 2. All men to come to a knowledge of the truth

God wants everyone to know Him! God wants to be with us.

- **We Intercede/Pray for hearts to be softened:**
 1. Family
 2. Friends
 3. Relatives
 4. Authority
 5. Even our Enemies:

Matthew 5:43 ...I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you...

- Hard to pray and hate someone at the same time

5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus...

- So far vv 1-5:
 1. Because we are in a Spiritual Battle God urges us to...
 2. Pray for all men...
 3. So...we can live peaceful Godly lives...
 4. And...because praying for others is will of God our Savior. Good/Acceptable
 5. Because... **"God desires all men to be saved"!**

...And a God has provided a Mediator between God and Man to bridge the Gap

- There is One God
- One Mediator/Facilitator/Go-between God and man. Jesus

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Jesus bridges the gap between God and man because Jesus is both God and man

- **Jesus:** Judge of our sin [God]
- **Jesus:** Judged for our sin [Man]

We are tried/found guilty with penalty of death and judge steps down and dies in our place

Romans 3:23all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely

by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be **just** and the **justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- **God is just:** Sin must be paid/atoned for
- **God is the justifier:** He paid for our sin Himself; therefore can offer forgiveness

6 [Jesus] gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, 7 for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

- **Jesus "...gave himself"** for us to be saved
- To be saved we must give ourselves to Him...

Choice: Jesus pays for your sin or you pay for your sin?

God's desire for all men to be saved is conditioned by His desire to have a genuine response from human beings. He won't fulfill His desire to save all men at the expense of making men robots that worship Him from simply being programmed to do so. [Guzic]

SUMMARY: God's Heart Desire: To see all men saved. Pray for soft hearts. Jesus has done everything to save man because of His great love for every person.

1 John 2:2b ...if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

II. Gender Roles in the Church: Instruction to Men and Woman

**The world seems very confused regarding gender and gender roles
God is not confused at all about gender roles...**

- **Paul's instructions to Timothy concerning "the men" in the house of God**

8 I desire therefore that **the men** pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting...

- **Paul to Timothy concerning "The Men" in the Church: Take the lead**

1. **The men...**Pray everywhere; here meaning every Church
2. **The men...**Pray while lifting up Holy Hands
 - a) Righteous Life
 - b) Clean hands held up to God without shame

Psalms 24:3 Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? 4 He who has **clean hands** and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

3. **The men...**Pray without wrath
 - a) Willing to forgive

b) Trusting in God to deal with our enemies...

Romans 12:19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. 20 Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

4. The men...Pray without doubting
 - a) Men of faith desiring to please God
 - b) Knowing and believing God and His Word

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

James 1:6 [Of Wisdom] But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

- **Specific encouragement to "the men" because we are weak in these areas:**
 1. Take time to pray [receive Spirit's guidance]
 2. Pray in every church [in the open]
 3. Keep our hands [lives] clean/holy
 4. **Forgive:** Be free of wrath before coming to God

Colossians 3:12 ... as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

- Next, Paul's instructions to Timothy concerning "**the women**" in the house of God

9 in **like manner** also, that **the women** adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, 10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

- **In like manner**
- Paul to Timothy concerning **specific instruction to the women in the church**
 1. The women...**Dress modestly;** i.e. well arranged

Q. "Is it appropriate for the occasion? Is it over-dressed or under-dressed? Is it going to call inappropriate attention to myself?"

2. The women...**Dress properly;** i.e. reverence or sense of honor

Q. "Is it moderate? Is it just too much - or far too little?"

3. The women...**Dress moderately;** i.e. sobriety or soundness of mind

1 Peter 3:3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel— 4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

Proverbs 11:22 As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, So is a lovely woman who lacks discretion.

11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

- Method of receiving instruction for the women
 1. **Silence:** Lit. Quietness.
 2. **All submission:** Act of subjecting [to authority]

Luke 10:38 [Jesus] entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." 41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that **good part**, which will not be taken away from her."

- **Good part:** Sitting at Jesus feet listening quietly, learning, submitting to His authority and His Word
- **Submission:** "To be under rank" with regard to God's order of spiritual authority

"Anyone who has served in the armed forces knows that 'rank' has to do with order and authority, not with value or ability.... Just as an army would be in confusion if there were no levels of authority, so society would be in chaos without submission." (Wiersbe)

12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

Paul is saying that the church should not recognize women as those having authority in the church regarding matters of doctrine and Scriptural interpretation. Whatever speaking or teaching is done by a woman must be done in submission to the men God has appointed to lead the church. [Guzic]

If the Word of God clearly teaches that woman are not to teach or have authority over men ...and a woman calls herself a "pastor" and is teaching and having authority over men ...what does that say about her view of the Word of God? She is in rebellion against God.

Women are not Pastors. Period

- Instruction to Elders and Deacon always include instruction to their "wives"
 1. Woman are not to teach over men in the Church
 2. Woman are not to have authority over men in the Church
 3. Women are to be "in silence". Same as "peaceable" in v2 and "silence" in v11

[Does not mean to "not talk at all" but...] a description of the life of one who stays at home doing her own work, and does not officiously [heavy-handedly] meddle with the affairs of others

13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

- **Why?**

1. Adam was formed first:
 - a) Given "original authority on earth"
 - b) Received command directly from God; Eve from Adam
2. Adam was not deceived/Eve was deceived
3. Eve fell into transgression [crossed boundaries of God's Word]

Genesis 2:15 ...the Lord God took [Adam] and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." 18 And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone..."

- **Eve was created AFTER God's command to Adam**

1. Command given to man
2. Command passed on to woman
3. Both have the command...

Satan targets the woman...

Genesis 3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate.

- **Satan's Scheme:** Target Eve's weakness; i.e. **spiritual sensitivity**

1. There will be no consequences for sin
2. God is withholding His best
3. You can be like God...

- **Eve ate:** Transgressed. Crossed the line in the sand

Genesis 3:9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "**Where are you?**"

- Eve sinned first but Adam blamed ...as he should be

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

- Abandoned/Abdicated responsibility to his wife:

Genesis 3:9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" 12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

- Shame
- Fear
- Distance
- **Judgment...**

Genesis 3:16 To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your

conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you." 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it'

- **Curse:**
 1. Pain in childbirth
 2. Desire for [over] your husband
 3. His response to your desire to usurp

**You husband will be to rule you...not love you
Without Jesus and dying to self the fight continues**

- **Point of Paul referencing Genesis?** Woman more receptive to spiritual deception
- **NT: Eve would be used as a by-word/example of...**
 1. Mankind's propensity to be deceived by the devil
 2. Mankind's tendency to complicate/corrupt a simple relationship with God
 - a) Coveting more than God allows
 - b) Believing God is holding back the best

2 Corinthians 11:3 ...I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

- Eve was deceived/Adam walked disobeyed with his eyes wide open

Men abdicating God-given spiritual authority began with Adam and continued...

Jeremiah 44:19 [Women accused of worshipping false-gods] The women... said, "And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make cakes for her, to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her without our husbands' permission?"

15 Nevertheless she will be saved **in childbearing** if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

Even though Eve the mother of all woman was deceived by Satan...

- Women [world in general] will be saved by the Messiah...born of a woman
- Note "**saved in**" not "**saved by**" childbearing
- Original Language: Lit. Saved "in the childbirth"

Galatians 4:4 ...when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, **born of a woman**, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Ralph Kramden: Without Christopher Columbus... we would have no America.

Alice Kramden: Without his mother we would have no Christopher Columbus.

1. **Childbirth** [pain of] was part of the **curse on Mankind**
2. **Childbirth** was instrumental in **Salvation of Mankind**
 - a) Holy Spirit came upon Mary to give birth to Jesus

b) To us a Child is born[human] as Son is given [Divine] [v 5 God/ Man]

- **Salvation of both men and woman is exemplified in:**
 1. Faith, Love, Holiness, Self-Control

Church Human Authority Structure	Family Authority Structure	Godhead Authority Structure
Pastor	Husband	Father
Elders	Wife	Son
Deacons	Children	Holy Spirit

Gender Roles According to God's Word		
The Husband	Scripture References	Jesus Christ
Head of the Wife	<p>1 Corinthians 11:3 ...I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.</p> <p>Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church</p> <p>1 Timothy 2:12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.</p>	Head of the Church
Protector of Wife	Ephesians 5:23 [Husbands are to...] nourish and cherish it their wives just as the Lord does the church.	Savior of the Church
Lover of the Wife	Ephesians 5:25 ... Husbands, love your wives , just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.	Lover of the Church

	*Song of Solomon	
The Wife	Scripture References	The Church
Submitted to Husband	<p>Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands</p> <p>1 Peter 3:5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.</p>	Church Submitted to Christ
One with husband	<p>Genesis 2:23 And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.</p> <p>Mark 10:8...and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."</p> <p>Ephesians 5:31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.</p>	Church One with Christ
Bride betrothed to her husband	<p>Isaiah 54:5 For your Maker is your husband, The Lord of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.</p> <p>Jeremiah 3:14 "Return, O backsliding children," says the Lord; "for I am married to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. 15 And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.</p> <p>Hosea 2:16 "And it shall be, in that day," Says the Lord, "That you will call Me 'My Husband, ...19 "I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In loving kindness and mercy;20 I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, And you shall know the Lord.</p>	Church, Bride of Christ, betrothed to Jesus
Bride wears a gown of white	<p>Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.</p>	Church wears Fine linen; i.e. Righteousness of the saints

	<p>Revelation 19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. 9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."</p>	
<p>Permanence of marriage</p>	<p>Matthew 19:4...He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."</p>	<p>Permanence of Eternal Life</p>

- **Equality of Men and Woman: Seen in God the Father and God the Son**

John 5:22 For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, 23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

John 10:30 I and My Father are one."

- **Submission of one equal party to another also in Father and God the Son**

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, **did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,** 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

- Jesus is our perfect example of submission

Jezebel Spirit in the Church: Hostile Takeover; Dangerous Substitute

Jezebel: Eve on steroids

Revelation 2:18 "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: 19 "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. 20 Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because **you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants** to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. 22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

23 I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.24 "Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. 25 But hold fast what you have till I come. 26 And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—27 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'—as I also have received from My Father; 28 and I will give him the morning star.29 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

- **V18** Jesus with Eyes of Fire and Feet of Brass: **Judgment**
- **V19** Good works are evident. Nevertheless...I have a few thing against you...

Jesus Rebuke to Thyatira: You *allow* that woman Jezebel to teach!

- **V20** Calls herself a prophetess
- **V20** Seduces My servant's teaching them to...

1. Commit Sexual Immorality	No boundaries
2. Engage in Idolatry	Seek other gods

Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

- **V21** Will not repent; listen/obey My Word
- **V22-23** Judgment

1. Cast into sickbed [contrast bed of love]	Physical Affliction
2. Thrust into the Great Tribulation	Plagues of Revelation
3. Kill her children with death	Second Death/White Throne
- **Sin of Eve and the Message of Jezebel: Rebel against God-Given Authority**
- **Transgression:**

Jude 1:6 And the angels who **did not keep their proper domain**, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; 7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.8 Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.

- **Dreamers:** gr. *Enypniazomai* [en-ü-pnē-ä'-zo-mī] Lit. **Filthy dreamers**
 1. To dream, to be beguiled with sensual images and carried away to an impious [wicked]course of conduct

Jezebelian Doctrine in the church Today Depths of Satan

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| ▪ Authority of God's Word | Questioned |
| ▪ Authority of God's Anointed | Challenged |
| ▪ Rebellion against God's Word | Encouraged |
| ▪ Rebellion against God's anointed | Commended |

1 Kings 16:31... [King Ahab of Israel] ...took as wife [Queen] **Jezebel** the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and **served Baal and worshiped him.**

- **Religious:** Jezebel served/worshiped Baal
 1. **Calls herself a prophetess**
 - a) Not appointed
 - b) Not anointed
 - c) Self-proclaimed religious leader [cults]
 - d) Bowing to Satan's will

1 Kings 18:4 ... Jezebel **massacred the prophets** of the LORD ...

- **Dangerous:** Jezebel massacred prophets of the LORD
 1. Not bluffing
 2. Real and present danger to Men of God
 - a. Sexual sin
 - b. Idols; i.e. serving other gods as in cults
 - i. Christian Science: Mary Bakker Eddy
 - ii. Seventh Day Adventism: Ellen G White

1 Kings 18:19 [Elijah said] ...send and gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the **four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal**, and the **four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."**

- **Seductive:** Followers of sex gods Baal and Asherah are welcome at her table [850]
 1. Diverse
 2. Tolerant
 3. Empowering
 - a. Baal and Asherah
 - b. Sexual orgies for "worship"
 - i. Disregard/sacrifice offspring. Abortion/Infanticide

Jezebel was fanatical about her religion. The worship of Jehovah must have seemed dull and commonplace by comparison, and she was determined to change it. She was a headstrong, self-willed, domineering woman, and with a moral weakling for a husband, she had little trouble getting her way. [Richard L. Strauss]

1 Kings 19:2 ...Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not **make your life as the life of one of them** [false prophets killed by Elisha] **by tomorrow** about this time." ³ And when he saw *that*, he arose and **ran for his life...**

- **Intimidating:** Threatens Men of God
 1. Spiritual oppression
 2. Love to see men of God cower down before her
 3. Vengeance

1 Kings 21:4 [King Ahab desired to buy the field of his servant Naboth]...Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on

his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food. 5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, "Why is your spirit so sullen that you eat no food?" 6 He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'"

- **Opportunist:** Quickly exploits men's abdication of responsibility for her purposes
 1. Uses the perceived weak to gain strength
 2. Steps into position of authority because of the vacuum left by weak men

The failure of men to lead in the home and in the church, and to lead in the way Jesus would lead, has been a chief cause of the rejection of male authority - and is inexcusable. [Guzic]

1 Kings 21:7 Then Jezebel his wife said to him, "You now exercise authority over Israel! Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." 8 And she wrote letters in Ahab's name, sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the **elders and the nobles** who were dwelling in the city with Naboth. 9 She wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth with high honor among the people; 10 and seat two men, scoundrels, before him to bear witness against him, saying, "You have blasphemed God and the king." Then take him out, and stone him, that he may die.

- **Merciless Takeover :** Destroys leader then draws followers to herself
 1. Ends justifying the means; "If you won't do it I will"

1 Kings 21:23 ...concerning Jezebel the LORD also spoke, saying, '**The dogs shall eat Jezebel** by the wall of Jezreel.' 24 The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Ahab and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field." 25 **But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up.**

- **Inevitable Judgment:** God will Judge those who usurp authority
 1. Ahab's wickedness motivated by Jezebel's control/demeaning words
 2. God holds her accountable: Guilty and sentenced to death

2 Kings 9:6 [The servant of Elisha] poured the oil on [Jehu's] head, and said to him, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: '**I have anointed you king over the people of the LORD, over Israel.**' 7 You shall strike down the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.

- **Overcome:** by God's anointed acting as God's anointed
 1. Fathers being more than sperm donors
 2. Husbands being more than taskmasters, being Spiritual Leaders
 3. Pastors standing courageously on the Word of God w/discipline/authority
 4. Men of God living Holy, Blameless and Powerful lives will take her out...

2 Kings 9:30 Now when Jehu had come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she put paint on her eyes and adorned her head, and looked through a window. 31 Then, as Jehu entered at the gate, she said, "Is it peace, Zimri, murderer of your master?" 32 And he looked up at the window, and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" So two or three eunuchs looked out at

him. 33 Then he said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down, and some of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses; and he trampled her underfoot. 34 And when he had gone in, he ate and drank. Then he said, "Go now, see to this accursed woman, and bury her, for she was a king's daughter." 35 So they went to bury her, but they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands. 36 Therefore they came back and told him. And he said, "This is the word of the LORD, which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 'On the plot of ground at Jezreel dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel; 37 and the corpse of Jezebel shall be as refuse on the surface of the field, in the plot at Jezreel, so that they shall not say, "Here lies Jezebel."'"

Jezebel in the World	Jezebel in the Church
<p>Authority Challenged [Question authority]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Children against Parents Criminals against Police 	<p>Authority Challenged</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Feelings vs. Word of God Majority Rule vs. Clear Teaching of Scripture
<p>Role Reversal: Satanic attack to break up families</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> War over Head of House: Two heads are a monster Men's feminine side encouraged Husband dumbbell in sitcoms 	<p>Role Reversal Good Churches going Bad</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Refutation/Denying God's given order of authority Genesis, Pauline letters, Jesus Men abdicating spiritual responsibility
<p>Gender No difference?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Homosexuality Sex-Changes Androgyny 	<p>Gender</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Woman "pastors" Woman "elders" Homosexual "pastors"
<p>Feminism: Idolizing Gender</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lesbianism Abortion Pride 	<p>Feminism: Idolizing power</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> God-given authority questioned and/or denied "...did God really say a woman can't teach over men?" Non-Gender Specific bibles
<p>Sexual Promiscuity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Condoned Taught Celebrated 	<p>Sexual Promiscuity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sexual Immorality condoned Lesbian "pastors" teaching Rebellion Celebrated/Exemplified

Samuel 15:23 ...rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft.

Spirit of Rebellion against God's authority and authority structure since Genesis

- **Eve** in the Garden of Eden
- **Semiramis** at the Tower of Babel
- **Asherah** at the time of the Kings
- **Jezebel** at the time of Kings and in the Tribulation bound end times congregation or Thyatira
- **Pseudo Mary** hailed as Co-redemptrix by Roman Catholics?
- **Apparitions of "Pseudo Mary"** : Drawing Muslims to "compromise" with Catholicism
- **Woman who Rides the Beast:** Tribulation apostate church which AC uses for a time

**Men of God... BE men of God. Woman of God... BE woman of God. God is not confused.
Period.**