

**1 Tim. 2:9-15** 'Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness. A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. But women will be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.'

**1 Tim. 2 – Instructions Concerning Prayer.** Paul instructs the men first, '**first of all I urge you**' – Now he instructs the women, '**likewise**' – 'if I have regarded iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me' Ps. 66:18

**Likewise** – ὡσαυτως/hosautos (similarly, the same way) So Paul is saying, that is the way I'm telling the men to behave and similar to that, the women need to behave like this. 'I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God'

1 Tim. 3:8 'Deacons likewise'

1 Tim. 3:11 'Women must likewise'

Tit. 2:3 'Older women likewise'

Tit. 2:6 'Likewise urge young men'

### Common Pitfalls regarding this instruction.

**Conflicts among women.** Euodia and Syntyche – Philippians 4:2-3. '**I urge**'

**Feminism.** Birth of Feminism in American, circa 1850's, Women's Suffrage, 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment/Women's Right to Vote, in less than 100 years that has turned into Women's Right to Choose. **Q:** Was the Women's Suffrage Movement really about the Glory of God seen through the image of God in women? OR are there other motives behind it?

**Bad Male Leaders.** False bravado, False strength, False Machismo. Male domination of women that demoralizes women and misrepresents God's true intention. Christian examples all start in the marriage and family .

- I. **Clothing.** V.9 I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments.' Q: How are women supposed to dress?

**Proper clothing (NASB), Respectable apparel (ESV);** κοσμιω/kosmio (only used twice in the NT, 1 Tim. 3:2 '**elder must be...respectable**) – 1. having the characteristics that evoke admiration, 2. Appropriate for winning approval

**Modestly and discreetly.**

**Modesty;** respect, reverence – **Discreetly/Self-control** – σωφροσύνης/sophrosynes (soundness of mind, practicing prudence)

Should not **adorn** (κοσμεῖν/kosmein; make neat, decorate, tidy and trim)

Braided hair. Gold. Pearls. Costly garments.

Let's consider this; are women prohibited from wearing gold, pearls, garments that are expensive and braiding their hair? I hope you say no.

**Differentiate yourself, NOT off appearance, BUT off behavior!** That standard is NOT how you dress, the standard is how you behavior, because there are certainly women who do not braid their hair and do not wear costly jewelry, BUT they also do not demonstrate good works!

- II. **Conduct.** Dress yourself with Good Works.  
**Prov. 31 'clothed in strength and dignity'**

### III. V. 11 “Receive instruction in submissiveness.”

This means silence. To be quietly attentive to learning, in order to become a disciple of the text. A major point of this is that silent attention is how any person learns, but also because it is to the woman’s own sanctification to learn in this way and to her family’s edification that she learns so that she can instruct her own children.

**BDAG**; Submissiveness; subjection, subordination – as opposed to setting oneself up as being the controller

### IV. V. 12 “I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man.”

It is actually a disgrace for a woman to hold the office of teaching at a church. Whether it is by her own ignorance, rebellion, ambition, or the prideful influence of others to prompt a false agenda – in any case, it is a disgrace to the office of both the Pastor-Teacher and to the woman to attempt to uphold a role that God has not ordered for her to uphold. Just as God births sermons through divinely-called Pastor-Teachers, **to pervert the office of pastor to a woman is the near equivalent of perverting the office of mother to a man and doing so brings about all the second-order suggestions as well, namely, sexual immorality.**

**Q:** Does this mean a woman is never allowed to teach at church? Look at **Tit. 2:3 ‘teaching what is good’** It goes without saying that women teach children. Paul lays down the rule that women are to teach other women **‘what is good.’**

Some have said Paul is only referring to unqualified female teachers (this can’t be the case because unqualified men are not supposed to be teachers either).

**It is best understood that a woman is not to be an official teacher** (Pastor-Teacher, Elder, Eph. 4/1 Tim. 3/Tit.1) in the church assembly and this is the best conclusion as Paul partners with this, ‘not exercise authority over a man’ – Teaching requires the exercising of authority, especially with regard to the word of God because of the implications of what is taught.

**The moral implications of teaching falsehood are eternally damning. I’m not going to dedicate the space to this hear, but the moral decay of church can almost singularly be attributed to the drift away from obedience to passages such as this one. Ref. Isaiah 3-5**

This whole topic comes down to the topic of authority; **Who is in charge?** And to do otherwise is nothing other than rebellion. But let’s draw that out further; if the Christian church will not yield to God’s authority, then how will it ever win people to the authority of Christ in their life. **Q: Is it possible for a person to be a Christian disciple that overtly disobeys God’s word? Secondly, IS IT POSSIBLE, for a church that disobeys God’s word to be making actual Christian disciples?**

**V. Reasons.** Adam was created first, Eve was deceived first. Paul appeals to creation and original sin. **Tit. 2:5 ‘so that the word of God will not be dishonored’** – Consider every church that is pro-egalitarian. Does it stand on the Sufficiency of Scripture? No. Those churches have dishonored the word of God by not standing on first principles.

It could work to discourage women to overemphasize the idea that the entire human race fell because of one woman’s sin, and though it did, Paul adds the encouragement that it’s potential for preservation is also through women as well as they are the only option for bearing children and to raise them in the Christian faith. **Ultimately, the birth and the raising of children is a means of sanctification God uses in a woman’s life.**

**VI. Enduring hope.** **‘preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.’**

**Q: How is society preserved?** How does life continue? Simple, by women having children. Look back on the fruit of the women's suffrage movement. Has the birthrate increased or decreased? What about abortion?