WHITE FIELDS
CALVARY CHURCH

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Title: Original Design
Topic: women, ministry, calling

Previously - The church needs to pray! God desires all to be saved. How we

gonna do that? Bouncy houses? BBQ? Get the men to pray, and the ladies?!

1Tim2:9-15 - here bc you don't want what culture says, you want Truth?

Godly behavior (9-10), Godly roles (11-12), Godly reasons (13-15)

9) "adorn" *kosmeo* = cosmetic; put in order, decorated; 3 principles…

"modest apparel" well arranged, how so? Not sexually provocative

"propriety" = good sense, appropriate for the occasion

"moderation" self-control, humility, avoid extremes

JV McGee: woman, make up? "Well, if the barn needs painting, paint it"

• Another extreme...intentionally frumpy; look at me…spiritual!

9b-10) "not with…" Paul isn't est dress code; he is giving guiding principles.

Swimsuit on the beach…costco? Kids church? Appearance isn't everything…

• Eph was a wealthy business city; extravagant dress was a status symbol; even

  braided their hair w/ gold & pearls! Temple prostitutes were dressed to seduce

  bc sexual activity was encouraged as a form of worship! Don't let culture…pop

  singers & actresses tell you what beauty is. Warning: being sexually prov

• Doesn't mean you can't dress nice - shopping, lots of shoes, matchy, make up

If you're chasing a sense of worth that way, you'll end up empty. What are you

chasing? Make guys drool? Measure up at school? Imitate the images idolized?

Col2:10 "and you are complete in Him" *if you know you're whole, it frees you!*

My external behavior reflects what's inside! What inside...sexually provocative?

1Pet3:3-4 "Do not let your adornment be merely outward--arranging the hair,

wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—rather let it be the hidden person of the

heart, with the incorruptible beauty" *gravity/time win…if they see Jesus in you!*

11) Deep breaths…"silence" = peaceable(2:2), not "no talking!" W/o contention - A

special type of personality, thinks she needs to fix everyone - complaints & back

handed compliments - "great sermon, I actually stayed awake." Spreads

complaints about pastor's wife/elders/worship team - she knows better.

• rapture? He's way too young to teach. She'll have feedback to offer today!

"submission" = subject to the mission; under rank; Church is a spiritual organism,

under Jesus' rule, gifted & called as the Spirit pleases (mission)! Much debate…

• complementarian = equal in worth…roles; egalitarian = equal in worth & roles

• equality doesn't = no diff; a lot is diff; are all apostles? Do all heal?

A football coach assigns roles…O lineman, "The Belly"; skinny speedster is O

line…! If the OL wants to go long? Elite teams are easily defeated w/o roles.

• *Eph began w/ revival; limping bc of poor leadership; Tim is restoring order*

1Cor11:3 "But 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." Jesus submits! The Holy Spirit

submits. Marriage/church are to reflect the nature of God. Issue isn't value,

ability, or importance! Do we think Jesus should, not us? Resist!

• "kephale" = head; can = source (river); the issue dealt w/ in ch11 is authority;

usually source & auth; in ancient Gk it almost universally refers to authority

Well, that's your opinion. I agree w/ my old pastor…make sure you agree w/ God!

Worship happiness. We rebel vs manuals! Danger: canned soup in microwave?

If we believe in the inspired infallible word of God, this is what God says.

12) He didn't say a woman can't teach, "teach…authority over a man" = pastor

• Paul approves of women to pray & prophesy in church (1Cor11); to teach &

disciple young women (Titus) & children - majority (2Tim3); Philip's 4 daughters

were prophetesses; Aquila/Priscilla even corrected, privately, a famous preacher

named Apollos; women first saw & proclaimed the empty tomb.

What about Deborah? Contradiction? Deborah was a judge = deliverer; priests

were teachers (Samson, judge, not a pastor); Deborah proves the point - she

wasn't a teaching priest; she led Israel in battle; during an oppressively patriarchal

period in history, God called women to be great heroes of faith!

• Corrie Ten Boom, Joni Erickson Taada, Mary mother of Jesus, countless moms!

My wife…Carol: knocked it out of the park! It's easy to receive…why men?!

Women are called to min! And can be gifted w/ any gift the Spirit chooses - faith,

teaching, prophecy, wisdom…half our staff is female! Out of church: no rest on

schools, workplaces, politics….sports, firefighter…God called men to home/church

"teaching…authority" = pastors, overseers, elders

• I don't like it that I can't…99% of men can't be pastors either - it's a calling!

13-14) Why? Godly Reasons - #1 God's Created Design - Common arguments…

• Paul was wrong. What else is he wrong about? Pick & choose? We live in an

culture that worsips happiness - "I just feel…" = True! Who's really god?

• It was cultural. “Paul’s a sexist man in a sexist culture”. Now we know better.

• Gal3:28 “there is neither male or female”? This refers to our spiritual status w/

God thru grace! Big problem…there’s a difference. Restrooms!!

• Male headship was a result of sin. Paul: this is the original design!

“Adam…first” It’s not based on culture, or the way things were in that time period;

it goes all the way back to creation, before sin! Life was perfect, paradise!

• Adam didn’t get angry & impatient; Eve didn’t tell him how to drive! Eve…

Gen2:16-17 “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of

the garden you may freely eat; 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.” *1 tree!*

Eph5:25 “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and

gave Himself for her” *some men love “submission” - they need to focus on this!*

• man is to protect her, help her flourish; rescue her; love her; sacrifice for her,

teach & honor her(1Pet3:7)…true leaders don’t demand respect, earn it;

Hindu priest, rabbi & politician…some men no one wants to follow!

• man’s abuse & failure to lead in love, are likely what makes these vs so diff!

Godly Reason #2 - v14 Adam was not deceived (not bc 1 gender is more gullible)

Rom5:12 “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world…” *… blame?*

• A: Adam. Gen3 - Eve was deceived. Where was Adam? “with her”(3:6)! She

gave him a bite…“happy wife happy life”! Adam gave up when he needed to

step up! He knew it was wrong. Plunged the world into sin.

Our marriages & churches will limp along if we refuse to listen to God’s design.

15) “saved in childbearing”? Why? Doesn’t = having babies saves; doesn’t = no

believer will die in childbirth. Messiah? Fut: “will be” - So how does it fit?

• Male leadership & childbirth were God’s design. Sin made both painful.

• “she…saved” = rescued, brought to peace, “if they (pl)…”

“faith, love, and holiness with self-control” by allowing God to restore His design,

you can be rescued from the abuse & brokenness, experience God’s blessing!

Ladies… “The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.” What you do matters.

GC Morgan: preached to dolls…the stories mom taught! All 4 of his sons became

preachers! “Whose the best preacher?” A: My mother. The influence…

Ladies, whatever calling God gives you (mom, gma, teacher), He will gift you for!

Be who God calls you to be! He wants to bless you!

Prayer: He desires all to be saved…calls the church to be who it’s called to be!

Communion - let this cup pass, nevertheless…Christ said yes, led to life for many!

Big Idea: male & female roles

Godly Behavior (9-10)

Godly Roles (11-12)

Godly Reasons (13-14)