

1 TIMOTHY 2:1–15

God has given His church a pattern for worship that puts prayer, holiness, the Gospel, and His design for men and women at the center.



1. THE CHURCH MUST BE A PRAYING CHURCH

1 TIMOTHY 2:1–7

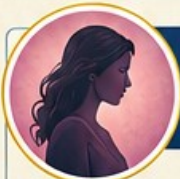
- Because of the importance of the Gospel. Because the church is on a life-saving mission to those dying and going to hell... Paul begins this chapter with a command: “I urge, **then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.**”
- Four different Greek words teach diversity in our praying — requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving.
- We pray “**for everyone**” — so we can live godly and holy lives and share the Gospel with those in authority.
- The ultimate reason. God “**wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.**”
- Everything we do in worship should ultimately point people to Christ.



2. GOD CALLS MEN TO LEAD WITH HOLINESS AND HUMILITY

1 TIMOTHY 2:8

- Men... **set the pace/example.** Paul addresses the responsibility of men in the gathered church.
- **Be holy men.** “Lift up holy hands.” The emphasis is on the character of the men who are praying and leading.
- It’s about what those hands are doing when they are not praying.
- No **anger** or **disputing**. A man cannot effectively lead while constantly fighting, arguing, and demanding his own way.
- Biblical leadership begins with **holiness, humility, and a willingness to serve.**
- There is a great need today for men who will lead their families spiritually, love their wives sacrificially, teach their children, serve their churches faithfully, and conduct themselves with **integrity.**



3. GOD CALLS WOMEN TO WORSHIP WITH GODLINESS, MODESTY, AND GOOD WORKS

1 TIMOTHY 2:9–10

- Women are not less valuable than men. Both are created in the image of God. Equal in value, not identical in role.
- **Dress with decency and propriety** — not drawing attention to themselves, but demonstrating godliness through good works.
- Worship is about drawing attention to God... Not us.
- Christian women demonstrate their devotion through godly character, service, teaching other women, loving their families, discipling children, serving the church, showing hospitality, caring for others, sharing the Gospel, and using the spiritual gifts God has given them.
- There are numerous examples of godly women in Scripture and in church history and Southern Baptist history.



4. GOD HAS GIVEN MEN AND WOMEN DISTINCT ROLES IN THE CHURCH

1 TIMOTHY 2:11–15

- “Let a woman learn ... I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.”
- This is not a muzzle on women. Paul commands that Christian women be taught God’s Word — and learn it. Understand it.
- Women are to know theology, understand doctrine, grow in Christ, disciple others, serve in the church, and be an active part of the church.
- The issue is not whether women have value or can minister. The question is what authority and teaching role God has assigned in the gathered church.
- God’s created order: “*For Adam was formed first, then Eve.*” Men and women have equal dignity but complementary roles.
- This pattern is seen throughout Scripture. The husband is called to lead, fathers to lead their families, and the church to have qualified men as pastors/elders.
- Verse 15 points to God’s design for motherhood and emphasizes **faith, love, holiness, and propriety.**

WORSHIP GOD HIS WAY...