

Blueprint

A Godly Church...Values All People + Respects Roles

THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFENDER

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1 Timothy 2:1-15

WE VALUE ALL PEOPLE BY PRAYING FOR ALL PEOPLE (v. 1-2)

Do we pray for God to help others, stand in the gap for others, and give thanks for others?

Consider the difficulty of praying for kings and authorities knowing Emperor Nero was the Roman Empire leader when this was written!

We pray for the purpose of having quiet (circumstantial) and peaceful (internal) lives.

WHY DO WE VALUE ALL PEOPLE (v. 3-7)

We must never forget that God desires EVERYONE to be saved...not just some!

Ezekiel 33:11

WE VALUE ALL PEOPLE BY SHOWING CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS (v. 8-10)

For the Fellas - God wants holiness and harmony!

Psalm 24:3

For the Ladies - God wants modesty and internal worth.

This is culturally specific but the principle still remains.

1 Peter 3:4-5

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WE VALUE OTHERS BY LIBERATING WOMEN TO LEARN AND LEAD WHILE RESPECTING ROLES (v. 11-15)

These verses actually fall in line with the rest of the New Testament, which liberates women to learn and lead while respecting roles and cultural norms.

Four Reasons To Consider Cultural Context:

1. Women were not educated in this society and married young.
2. The word translated "authority" in v. 12 is unique and relates to the Temple of Artemis.
3. Paul is writing for the purpose of combatting false teaching in the church of Ephesus.
4. Jesus and Paul's life and ministry display something different from these verses.

JUST WAIT A MINUTE THOUGH...DON'T FORGET ABOUT RESPECTING ROLES

While we believe the Bible liberates women to learn and lead - we also believe that there are intended roles God has for men and women.

ALL OF US ARE ULTIMATELY UNDER AUTHORITY

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