

#### IV. 1 Corinthians 11:3-16

1. *God expects women to serve publicly in the church by praying and prophesying (v.5).*
2. *God wants women to serve in the church in a way that clearly embraces their feminine identity (vv.7-10, 14-15).*
3. *Male teaching authority in the church doesn't invalidate the equality of interdependence (vv.11-12).*

#### V. Why This Matters

*For further study:*

1. God's Design for Man and Womanhood, Andreas & Margaret Köstenberger
2. Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood, edited by John Piper and Wayne Grudem

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### ***Biblical Manhood and Womanhood in the Church***

#### **I. Introduction**

- Genesis 1:26-28
- Genesis 2

#### **II. Men and Women Together in the Church**

- *Scripture does not just allow, but expects men and women to participate in the vast majority of the church's ministry and practices.*
  - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
- *Men and women are called to serve the church in all capacities, except where such service would violate the biblical principle of male headship, specifically in teaching or exercising authority over men when the church is gathered.*

1. Participating in Public Gatherings

2. Voting with the Congregation

3. Serving as Deacons

4. Reading, Praying, and Prophesying

5. Teaching and Leading Other Women

6. Ministering to Children

7. Countless Others

**III. 1 Timothy 2:8-15**

- Context: The fallout of false teaching in Ephesus
- A call to modesty and godliness (2:9-10)
- A call to learn quietly with submissiveness (2:11)
- Two Restrictions
  1. Teaching men formally (v.12)
  2. Having authority over men (v.12)
- Two Reasons
  1. The creation order (v.13)
  2. Satan's strategy to undermine the creation order (v.14)
- One Promise (v.15)
  1. Those who embrace their role as a woman and who rest under male leadership in the church can be confident that they have repented of wrongful desire to usurp authority.