

GENDER ROLES IN THE CHURCH

PART 1

1 TIMOTHY 2:8-15

5-28-23

1 Timothy 2:8-10 – “I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹ likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰ but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works.”

I. DISTRACTIONS TO OUR PRAYERS

1. #1 Distraction = Stolen Glory

- ~ Men seeking glory through arguments.
- ~ Women seeking glory through their appearance.

2. We lose when we compete with God!

1 Timothy 2:11-15 – “Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴ and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵ Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.”

II. WOMEN’S ROLES IN THE CHURCH

1. Role – Learn (v.11)

2. Role – Don’t Teach (v.12)

3. Foundation – Creation (v.13-14)

4. Fulfillment – God’s Calling (v.15)

GROWING DEEPER THIS WEEK

1. What was one thing that you took away from the message this week?
2. How can the church encourage leadership in women today without having them assume an unbiblical role?
3. Why is it important for Paul to root his argument for gender roles in creation?
4. How can a lessened view of gender roles today impact the church? Why is this dangerous?
5. How can we engage in conversation with a culture that is increasingly against complementary roles in marriage?
6. Why is it important for the next generation to see strong marriages and gender roles?

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 11:3

7. What does this verse teach us about the flow of authority? How can it encourage submission in marriages?

READ EPHESIANS 5:22-33

8. Paul wrote the letter to the Ephesians before he sent Timothy to them as their pastor. How does this passage lay the groundwork for what Paul says in 1 Timothy 2:8-15?
9. Who is used as the example of submission and love for husbands and wives in this passage? Why would it be important for Paul to point this out?
10. How can our marriages be pictures of the Gospel and God's love according to Ephesians and 1 Timothy?