

1 Timothy

Fight the Good Fight

Paul's Instructions for Women in the Church

Introduction

1. Paul's _____ (*1 Timothy 2:11, 2; Romans 16:1; Luke 10:39-42*)

2. Paul's _____ (*1 Timothy 2:12*)

A. The _____ Interpretations (*1 Timothy 2:8; Galatians 3:28*)

B. The _____ Interpretation (*1 Timothy 2:2, 4, 8-10, 3:2; Genesis 1:27; Galatians 3:28; 2 Timothy 4:2; Colossians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 14:26; Acts 18:26; Hebrews 5:12*)

3. Paul's _____ (1 Timothy 2:13-14; Colossians 1:15; Genesis 2:18, 3:5-6, 17; Psalms 33:20)

4. Paul's _____ (1 Timothy 2:15)

What is this Passage all About? (Romans 8:31-32; 1 Timothy 2:4; Philippians 2:4-8)

Discussion Questions (1 Timothy 2:11-15)

1. Review verses 1 Timothy 2:1-10, what is the context for Paul's instructions in verses 11-15?
2. How did Paul's instruction in 1 Timothy 2:11 liberate women of his day? What does it mean to *learn quietly with all submission*? How does the record of Mary's learning from Jesus in Luke 10:38-42 demonstrate this instruction? Should men also learn quietly with all submission?
3. What are some of the progressive interpretations of Paul's prohibition in 1 Timothy 2:12? What do you think caused these interpretations?
4. What is the traditional, historic interpretation of 1 Timothy 2:12? (2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Timothy 3:2) Does this interpretation mean that women are in any way inferior to men or that they should never on any occasion teach a man? (Genesis 1:27; Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 14:26; Acts 18:26; Hebrews 5:12)
5. How did Adam and Eve violate God's created order? (1 Timothy 2:13-14; Genesis 2:18, 3:5-6, 17) Why does Paul appeal to this violation as the reason for the prohibition in 1 Timothy 2:12?
6. 1 Timothy 2:15 is a notoriously difficult verse to interpret but using the sermon, a study bible or trusted commentary, **give it a shot!** Even if you are unsure about what "*she will be saved through childbearing*" means, how are Paul's words "*if they continue in faith and love and holiness with self-control*" an encouragement to women?
7. For women following the historic interpretation of 1 Timothy 2:11-15 means humbly submitting to God's word instead of claiming the rights that culture demands for them. How might Paul's words about God in Romans 8:31-32 and Jesus in Philippians 2:4-8 encourage women in their humble submission. How might these words encourage us all to humbly submit to God's word over current culture?