

"male and female He created them." (Gen. 1:27)

God's Grand Design

The Beauty of Biblical Complementarity (pt. 9)

Men and Women in the Assembly

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⁸ Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

⁹ Likewise, *I want* women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, ¹⁰ but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness. ¹¹ Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. ¹² But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

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¹³ For it was Adam who was first created, *and* then Eve.

¹⁴ And *it was* not Adam *who* was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. ¹⁵ But she will be saved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.

1 Timothy 2:8-15

➤ Context:

- Paul's two-fold purpose for writing to Timothy:
 - (1) encourage him to deal with false teachers
 - (2) establish proper conduct/order in the church (1 Tim. 3:14-15)

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➤ Context:

- 2:1-3:16 – instructions for proper conduct in the church (not dealing directly with false teachers)
- the implied, specific context of 2:8-15 is the public assembly of the church

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1. Gender-specific instructions

- men's praying – in holiness; not hindered by anger and disputes with others
- women's adornment – in modesty; not extravagant or ostentatious; more concerned with godly behavior than outward appearance

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2. Women-specific conduct

- women are expected and encouraged to be learners in the assembly
- women are to learn in "quiet" submission to the men who lead/teach in the assembly
- women are not teach or exercise authority over men in the assembly

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➤ *Explaining Paul's Prohibition:*

- "I do not allow" – not merely temporary, or Paul's suggested preference; his apostolic command
- "teach" – the authoritative and public transmission of the tradition about Christ and the Scriptures
- "exercise authority" – the positive sense of spiritual leadership (shepherding, oversight)
- "teach/authority" – two related but distinct activities

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➤ *Implications*

- 1) The office of elder is limited to qualified men who teach and exercise authority for the equipping of the church (cf. 1 Tim. 5:17)
- 2) Submission to God's design for the church is to result in the flourishing of both men and women in ministry