



The Role of Men and Women in the Home and Church

PART II

REVIEW:

What are we talking about?

- Are men to lead their families?
- Should a wife submit to her husband? If so, why?
- Do men and women have equal say in the home?
- Does the Bible value and respect women?
- Can women pastor? Can woman serve as a deacon? Why or why not?
- Can women lead in church?
- What was Paul talking about when he said that women should be quiet in the church?

God's plan has always been to work through different roles

Example: ADAM AND EVE

Men and women are very different on purpose!

Why did God create man and woman at different times and in different ways?

- He was establishing their distinction of their roles

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. 8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; **and there he put the man whom he had formed.**

What do we learn from this?

Why did God make Adam first?

The husband's role is.....

1. To Walk with God
2. To Work and Provide
3. To Protect

Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took **the man**, and put him **into the garden** of Eden to dress it **and to keep it.**

KEEP IT = to hedge about i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.

4. To be the spiritual leader

Genesis 2:16 **And the LORD God commanded the man**, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

5. To Commit
6. To be accountable to God

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

“The head” – the leader – The one out front

In life, there must be leaders that are held accountable

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

Head of Christ is GOD?

The authority and accountability that God gave to the man was not to make him better than a woman, but to place an order of leadership and accountability to God

This does not make woman less important

This does not make woman less valuable

In the home....

- Men are to provide, lead, teach, and protect
- Men are accountable to God for what happens

In the Church.....

- Can a woman pastor?
- Can a woman serve as a deacon?
- Can a woman lead in church?

God still keeps the same order

Tough Questions from the Bible Why not women pastors?

- Keep in mind the principles we have already studied
- The same way that men have a role in the home is the same way men have a role in the church

God established an order of authority in the home, and this continues with the authority and accountability in the church

1. It goes against God's order

- God created the man to lead
- This is what we were taught in Genesis

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

If the husband is the head of the wife, this role does not change once you enter the church

What is the role of a pastor?

A pastor is a leader

1 Timothy 3:1 This *is* a true saying, If a man desire **the office of a bishop**, he desireth a good work.

What is the "office of a bishop?"

- Or, the role of a pastor?

Bishop = A guardian; a watcher; an overseer. The superintendent of the religious assembly

Question: Who did God give the role of “guardian” and “leader?”

Acts 20:17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and **called the elders of the church.**

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which **the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God,** which he hath purchased with his own blood.

When a woman takes on the role of a pastor, she takes on the role to lead her husband and to lead other husbands in the church – this goes against God’s order

A pastor gives instruction and correction

- Paul was instructing Timothy about the role of a pastor
- He explains the power and authority of God’s Word

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

- Man, in this passage, is speaking of mankind
- The Word “perfects” or changes all of us

Timothy’s role, as a pastor, was not just to know the Word, but to preach the Word

2 Timothy 4:2 **Preach the word;** be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Preach = to herald (as a public crier), especially divine truth (the gospel):--preacher(-er), proclaim, publish.

- We are all called to proclaim the truth!
- This passage is a description of the role of a pastor

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- Speak the truth when it’s popular and when it’s not

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Reprove - to confute, admonish:--convict, convince, tell a fault, rebuke, reprove.

Rebuke - forbid:--(straitly) charge, rebuke.

Exhort - to call near, i.e. invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation or consolation):--beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort(-ation), intreat, pray.

Question: What does it mean then that women are to learn in silence?

1 Timothy 2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

“Let the woman learn in silence” - Listen attentively to instruction, without attempting to teach in public.

Silence - properly, **keeping one's seat** (sedentary), i.e. (by implication) still (undisturbed, undisturbing):--peaceable, quiet.

- It means, “To hold one’s peace”

“With all subjection” - With due subjection to those who are in authority, and who are appointed to minister in holy things

- Respect the role of the man
- Honor his position
- Follow his lead as he follows Christ

1 Timothy 2:12 **But I suffer not a woman to teach**, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

Paul was giving this instruction in regards to a pastor or preacher - “Ordained”

Look back to the start of this teaching in this chapter:

1 Timothy 2:7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

1 Timothy 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, **nor to usurp authority over the man**, but to be in silence.

- Usurp = dominate oneself, assume authority

When it comes to biblical authority and instruction in the church, the “head” or “man” must lead

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- “To hold ones peace”

1 Timothy 2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

What is the point of this verse?

- God is pointing out order of leadership

1 Timothy 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

Who “deceived” them?

- Why didn't Satan try to deceive Adam first?
- Why didn't he approach Adam?

Satan was rejecting God's order

There are examples of God order in scripture

1 Corinthians 14:31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. 32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. 33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. 34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. 35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

We must look at this in context!

- There were things out of order
- People were standing up and challenging/correcting others
- Paul was correcting this
 - The wife was not to stand up and rebuke their husbands

A pastor is accountable to God

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

God's Order: God – Christ - Church – Man – Woman

- If something is wrong in the church, who is accountable?

Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Why not woman pastors?

2. It goes against God's instruction

The role of a pastor:

1 Timothy 3:1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

2 A bishop then must be blameless, **the husband of one wife**, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; 4 **One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection** with all gravity;

5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

- The pastor's description is a man
- It describes him as one that leads his home (obeys God's order)

The role of a deacon:

1 Timothy 3:8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; 9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. 10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. 11 **Even so must their wives be grave**, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. 12 **Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife**, ruling their children and their own houses well.

Why not women pastors?

3. There are no examples given of women pastors in the Bible

Examples that people give:

Mary Magdalene:

Mark 16:9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. 10 And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

- There is a difference between pastoring/preaching and evangelizing

Deborah:

Judges 4:4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

- This was during the time of Israel, not the time of the New Testament church

God often did things to prove a point of how Israel was out of order

Ezekiel 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

During the time of Deborah, there were no leaders

Judges 4:8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go. 9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

Phebe:

Romans 16:1 I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea:
2 That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.
3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

assistant:--succourer.

Lydia:

Acts 16:14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.
15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

What does the Bible say about women serving, leading, and using their gifts?

Where do you draw the line?

1 Timothy 2:12a But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man....

- Usurp = dominate oneself
- To reverse the order that God put in place

God has a plan to use man and women to reach the world!

Men and woman have equal value and importance to God!

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, **there is neither male nor female**: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

- We hold equal importance and value to God!

Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

- Prophecy - a foreteller ("prophet"); by analogy, an inspired speaker; by extension, a poet:--prophet.

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. 4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head. 5 **But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth** with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

Can a woman lead? Yes

Can a woman serve? Yes

Can a woman lead in prayer? Yes

Can a woman lead ministries? Yes

Can a woman sing and worship? Yes

What can't women do?

- Usurp authority over a man