

I Timothy 2:8-15
Our Roles in the Church

Leading in Prayer (8)

Wherever the church gathers – everywhere (Matthew 18:20)

Men, who answer to Jesus (I Cor. 11:1), should take the lead in spiritual matters

With uplifted hands – in holiness (Psalm 63:4)

A sign of our dependence and of our reverence and worship toward God

Without anger or dissensions (Matthew 5:23-24)

We forgive as Christ forgave us – we are not in competition, but seek unity

Looking good (9-10) (I Samuel 16:7) **God is looking at our hearts, not our appearance**

Dressed with propriety (Proverbs 7:10 / I Corinthians 10:23-24, 31)

Do not become a distraction or a stumbling block

Dressed in moderation (Hebrews 3:1)

The focus is to be on Jesus – not self

Dressed with good deeds – **more important than our appearance**

Inward beauty (I Peter 3:3-4) – **our character, being more like Jesus**

In reverence toward God (Ephesians 5:10) – **seeking that which pleases Him**

Learning appropriately (11-15) – **the condition of our heart impacts our ability to learn**

Submission (Ephesians 5:21-23 / I Peter 3:1) – **as unto the Lord**

Not in the role of a teacher of men – **this has nothing to do with ability**

Not usurping the authority of men (Titus 1:9) – **God's given order**

Silence

In quietness and submission – **not seeking to control or usurp authority**

Inquiring of husbands (I Corinthians 14:33-35) – **encouraging them to lead**

Salvation (preservation) through childbearing – **motherhood, an amazing opportunity**

God's design and order (Genesis 2:18 / I Corinthians 11:3) **God given roles**

Going our own way – leads to deception (Genesis 3:6 / James 1:13-16)

Given a place of significance (Genesis 1:27 / Galatians 3:28-29 /

I Corinthians 11:11-12) – **there is no difference in Christ**

(I Tim. 5:14) perhaps the highest call, unless called to be single (I Cor. 7:7)

Discussion questions for I Timothy 2:8-15

How does the curse (Genesis 3:16) play a role in God's leadership plans for His church?

God's design is for men to take leadership in the home and in the church – the curse on the woman suggests a desire (wanting to control) their husbands. This can also create a desire to control the direction of the church. Sometimes women will seek to influence elders by influencing their wives. A woman who belongs to Christ is called to submit to God's leadership structure and order.

How does our culture influence leadership roles in the church?

As goes the culture, so goes the church. This is not meant to be. Yet today we see more and more women taking on leadership roles. The qualifications for leadership being ignored as God's word takes a back seat to culture. The church is to be the pillar and foundation of the truth (I Timothy 3:15)

What does God encourage men to do in His church? (I Timothy 3:1 / I Corinthians 16:13-16 / II Timothy 2:1-2) ***To take leadership roles, be that in prayer or serving as elders or deacons. To stand firm and be bold in their faith, doing everything with love as the motivator. To be involved in discipling others who will become involved in discipling others.***

How can women serve in the church? (Acts 21:8-9 / Romans 16:1, 3, 12 / I Timothy 5:9-10 / Titus 2:4) ***Unmarried women can be involved in prophetic ministry. All women can be involved as workers, serving in the church. Older widows can be placed on the widows list – given remuneration for their serving in the church. Older women are called to train the younger women – teaching them to love their husbands and children.***

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