

IV. God's Plan for His Church

Review:

Ephesians 5:22-33

Role of wife in the home

Role of husband in the home

1 Timothy 3:14-15

1. What does the word *household* mean?
2. What does *God's household* imply?
3. The word *church* in the New Testament never refers to a building, or bricks and mortar. It means *those called out*. How does this add to the thought of household?
4. Which of the following is the most accurate?
 - a. Timothy is speaking in terms of the physical location of church
 - b. Timothy is speaking about how to serve God at church
 - c. Timothy is speaking about serving God broader than just the sphere of the church building.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

5. How many times does Paul assert his credentials in verse 7?
 - a. What is a herald; an apostle?
 - b. Why would Paul go to such lengths?

1 Timothy 2:8-10

6. Evaluate: When Paul here says, "I want," he is speaking only an opinion.
7. In verse 8, prayer is in the emphatic position. When would men lift up hands in prayer?
8. The word for *men* is not generic (mankind), but rather gender specific - males. If this is in a group setting, what is Paul telling men to do?
9. How do you reconcile verse 1 and verse 8?
10. Paul is certainly not calling for women to wear clothing that is unattractive, drab, or an unkempt appearance. This really is good taste! How is this good taste?

1 Peter 3:3-5 ³ **Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes.** ⁴ **Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.** ⁵ **For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful.**

Proverbs 31:10-31

NET translation: "I want women to dress in decent clothes, modestly and with good judgment. Their adornment is not a matter of attractive hair-styling, gold, pearls or expensive clothing, but of good deeds."

1 Timothy 2:11

11. As a woman learns God's word, what about her should be *in quietness*?

2 Thessalonians 3:12 ¹² **Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat.**

12. The second sphere of learning takes place *in full submission*. Does this imply the student is inferior to the teacher?

1 Timothy 2:12

13. The word here *to teach* means a master teacher would impart knowledge or techniques to uninstructed disciples. Often a disciple after learning all he could from his master gathered his own set of disciples and instructed them. What is Paul leading Christian female students to see?

14. Paul is sometimes accused of not permitting a woman to teach because of his Jewish upbringing. The Talmud warns against letting women learn the Torah; in fact the caution is given that the words of the Torah should be burned rather than turned over to a woman. How is this accusation completely incorrect?

15. Does Paul forbid all kind of teaching?

Titus 2:3-5—³ **Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good.** ⁴ **Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children,** ⁵ **to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.**

2 Timothy 1:5, 3:16

Acts 18:26

16. A good way to understand *to teach* here is: to interpret and to proclaim the Word publicly when counters the headship of man.

17. Explain the difference in translations:

a) I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man...

b) I do not permit a woman to teach, that is, to have authority over a man...

NET – “I do not allow a woman to teach in such a way as to have authority over a man.”

1 Timothy 2:13-14

18. The two principles for God’s household to function this way are found in Creation. One shows the positive way God intended each to function. The second shows the negative results of stepping out of the God given roles.

1 Timothy 2:15

19. What’s left for women? If they can’t serve in the job of pastor in the congregation, some might wonder, what’s left for me? How would Paul answer?