

## SETTING THINGS IN ORDER



STUDY OF 1&2 TIMOTHY

# INSTRUCTIONS

In these final verses of the second chapter Paul gives instructions for both men and women. The section about women brings many questions. It is good to take a careful look at what is said.

## 1 Timothy 2:8-15

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

<sup>9</sup> Likewise, *I want* women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, <sup>10</sup> but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness. <sup>11</sup> A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. <sup>12</sup> But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup> For it was Adam who was first created, *and* then Eve. <sup>14</sup> And *it was* not Adam *who* was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. <sup>15</sup> But *women* will be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.

### Submission Carries a Negative Taste for many:

What does 'submission' mean?

- (1) Submission is not a woman's thing, but it is a DISCIPLE'S thing
- Eph 5:21 to \_\_\_\_\_ other
  - Heb 13:17 to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1 Pet 2:14 to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Eph 5:22 wives to \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1 Tim 3:4 \_\_\_\_\_ of elders

### I want men:

- TO \_\_\_\_\_ (8)
- Without anger or quarrelling (ESV)
  - Without anger or argument (CEB)

Paul seems rather "bossy" (I want...I do not allow).

Why does Paul get his way?

### I want women:

- TO DRESS \_\_\_\_\_ (9)  
TO \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIVE INSTRUCTION (10)  
TO NOT TEACH \_\_\_\_\_ A MAN (12)

Some would say Paul's instructions to women are cultural. Since times have changed so have these restrictions. Is that true?

### (A) Proper Clothing (9-10)

1. OUTSIDE: Braided hair, gold, pearls, costly: showing off
2. INSIDE: Modest, discreet, good works, claim to godliness
  - ESV: modesty and self-control
  - CEB: modest and sensible

Using good judgment

1 Pet 3:3-5

Your clothing makes a statement: let it say that you are a disciple of Jesus

### (B) Women & Instruction (11-12)

1. Quietly receive instruction in submission
2. Not to exercise authority over a man

What two reasons are given?

- Not to teach over a man qualifies vs. 11 and is negatively illustrated by the actions of Eve
- This statement does not mean a woman cannot teach (Titus 2:3-5; Acts 21:9) and it does not mean she cannot teach a man (Col 3:16; Acts 18:26)
- **It means she is not to teach in such a way that disregards her place of subjection**

One writer calls this section the most offensive to contemporary sensitivities

### (C) Positive Ending (15)

1. Through a woman sin was introduced into the world. Through a woman came the Messiah (Gal 4:4)
2. Women are unique in regards to bearing children. They will be saved as they continue in faith, love and sanctity.