1 Timothy - God's Church: Leading, Loving, Living

APOSTLE Instructs BISHOP: Right BELIEF & Right BEHAVIOR in Church
Chapter 2 – WORSHIP – Most Important ACTIVITY of Church

>> SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES of Men & Women in WORSHIP SERVICE
I am writing these things to you so that...you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God....1 Timothy 3.14,15
REST of Letter WORKING OUT that BEHAVIOR: Life of LOCAL CHURCH
Leaders/ Members, Rich/ Poor, Slave/ Free, Widows/ Families, Men / Women
Introductory Comments on ROLES of Men and Women.....

1. Popularity

Christian Denomin ANNUAL Mtgs – Decisions & Declarations Many Topics

ONE Topic that will get in HEADLINES of WORLD – Print or Pixels

What that Denom said about WOMEN and GENDER Issues

GREAT Interest in WORLD: People that don't Care about Church have Opinion

Why INTERESTED? – Great Story for MEDIA – FOCUS on Gender Issues

Story of CONFLICT – Traditional, Male-Dominated, Out of Touch Institution >

Church – Led by Men, some of whom Sexually ABUSE Kids & Women

Protaganists CARING, LOVING, Women – Stand against TRADITION
Who REALLY CARE about OTHERS – Unlike Stuffy Old Churchmen
THRIVING STORY > Progressive Agenda against Irrelevant Past
Substitute HOMOSEXUALS for WOMEN – Same MEDIA Portrayal
ROLE of Women or GAYS > Becomes a JUSTICE Issue > Personal Freedom

WORLD Expects Church to FOLLOW its Standard of Fairness & Justice

Many REJOICED this Month, Church of England approved Women Bishops

"Now that they allow women Bishops, the Church of England can perhaps claim to be an equal-opportunity employer." BBC News, 14 July 2014

2. Humility – Married Wonderful Woman 32 yrs – Still Cannot Figure her Out

Three things are *too wonderful for me*; four I do not understand: the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a serpent on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and *the way of a man with a virgin*.

Proverbs 30.18,19

Not just California v. Hawaii - SHE is from VENUS – I am from MARS!

v. 1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and

BEFORE Roles and Relationships are DEFINED –

thanksgivings be made for all people...

ON OUR KNEES > WISDOM to Understand Word / LOVE to Rightly APPLY

3. Superiority? – Bible does NOT Endorse Chauvinism or Feminism

A Chauvinistic, Mono-Cultural, Self-Righteous PHARISEE Wrote this....

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3.28

How?? TAKEN to CROSS of Jesus – LEVEL Ground – Pharisees & Publicans

NOBODY is INHERENTLY Better – ALL Inherently BAD before HOLY God

No One done MORE to Set Women or Men FREE than Jesus Christ

Paul: "Euodia...Syntyche...women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with...the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life."

Philippians 4.2,3

Taught PREACHING Classes MANY Years in SEVERAL Countries

HUMBLING Truth > BEST Preachers in my Classes OFTEN are WOMEN

Women in Church: More Verbal, Spiritual, Faithful, Sympathetic, Understanding

1 Tim CHURCH: Lydia BUSINESS Ldr/ Deborah Ldr STATE God's Blessing Thinking about VOTING for WOMAN POLITICIAN 1 Tim 2 Nothing to SAY

4. Priority - The Gospel of Jesus Christ for ALL People

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

1 Timothy 1.15

SUPREME PRIORITY of Church - GOSPEL of Saving Grace for All Peoples World IS Watching, World is GOING TO HELL > We have Saving CHRIST! We DARE Not TURN them Away by LOVELESSNESS or PIG HEADEDNESS Another PASTORAL Letter: Titus on CRETE – Behavior of Believing SLAVES ...be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. Titus 2.9,10

5. Authority - The Bible is our FINAL AUTHORITY

the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth

1 Timothy 3.15

Church in EPHESUS & here in ZGC Agreed SCRIPTURE Standard of TRUTH

About 1975 – College Student, New ZEALOUS Christian

Pastor's Long-Time Friend, College & Sem Classmate Sun Night Preacher

He'd Written NEW BOOK on Women in Church – Preached 1 Timothy 2!!

Reached DIFFERENT Conclusion than what I will SHARE Soon

Q & A – Dr. Jewett "What you said contradicts Paul" "Paul was WRONG!"

Really NICE Man, Very Learned, Humble – Never saw Again, Never Invited

Not to use SCISSORS or do PLASTIC SURGERY on Bible – Not WAX NOSE

Embrace Historic, Orthodox Christianity? Submit to Authority of Bible
...remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any
different doctrine

1 Timothy 1.3

IF Bible our STANDARD – Next Question: How to Rightly INTERPRET?

God's Word – Words of Men – Written Long Ago to Far Away PLACES

a) Rigid Literalism? SAFEST?, EASIEST?, God's Word NO EXCUSES "God said it, I believe it, No Questions Asked, That's the Way it Is!"

MEN – Lift up your HANDS in Prayer

WOMEN – NO Braided HAIR, GOLD, PEARLS, BLING > Keep QUIET!!

Wrote Book on Preaching – KZ & Russian > Invited Conservative Bapt. Sem

Sem Prez – Expect HARD Questions – Very LITERAL Interp 1 Tim 2 HERE!

"What kind TAPE do you USE in your churches??" You know, Ladies Mouths?!

No TAPE – Paul tells them to KEEP SILENT in Church
Say HELLO? Sure! / SING? Yes! / TESTIFY? Yes! / Share VERSE? Yes!
Explain Vs? Yes?! / Wow! Sounds to Me, Women TEACHING in your Church!
RIGID LITERALISM Might SOUND Good & Spiritual – Hard to Neatly Apply

b) Polite Respect? – Ancient Wisdom, Beautiful Literature

1st C Document – NOW 21st C got MUCH MORE Information & EDUCATION

Paul NO Knowledge MODERN Science, Genetics, Gender Studies, Sociology

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"Just as the first half of this chapter showed us the author at his best, so the second half seems to show him at his worst. Christians are under no obligation to accept his teaching on women."

A.T. Hanson

Leaders & Churches LIP SERVICE to Bible > Their WISDOM is FINAL POLITELY Listen to ADVICE of GRANDPARENTS, Go DO what YOU Want! "All things in this chapter are mere temporary regulations to meet a given situation." William Barclay

We SOPHISTICATED Moderns are TOO CLEVER to Accept OLD Paul!

Extremely DIFFERENT Views of How to USE Bible in Life Today

Rigid Literalist – Keeps the Baby and the Bathwater

Polite Respecter – Throws Out the Baby and the Bathwater

Faithful Christian - Keeps the Baby and Changes the Bathwater

NICE Slogan! – NOT Easy to Do – Prayer: Be VERY Careful with God's Word GUARD ETERNAL Word – APPLY it Faithfully in CHANGING WORLD 1 Timothy 2 > PROBLEMS in WORSHIP in Church in EPHESUS....

- 1. Looking Good In the Sight of God
- a. Man Pleasing
- 1) Religious Men
- v. 8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling

Men in PRAYER Meeting LOOK GOOD – Raising Hands, Everyone SEES!

God sees DEEPER: HANDS are DIRTY > Even WORSE, HEARTS are DIRTY

HYPOCRITICAL – God sees their ANGER & QUARRELING

Use Right WORDS in Prayer MEETING > CURSING in the PARKING LOT!

Husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

1 Peter 3.7

Hands may be UP, NOT HONOR & Love your WIFE: PRAYERS HINDERED

- 2) Revealing Women
- v. 9 respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire

Ephesus was a wealthy commercial city, and some women there competed against each other for attention and popularity. Warren Wiersbe

NOTHING NEW Under the SUN > SEX SELLS! 1st C & 21st Century

Pleasing to THIS SINFUL Man! Are you trying to AROUSE or EDIFY?

SETTING of WORSHIP of God: SERVICE & HONOR of Jesus – Focus HIM

Look at Self Mirror: *This is what I want to be wearing when I stand before God*

b. God Pleasing

- 1) Reconciled Men
- v. 8 I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

Men all AROUND World: PRAY!! EVERYWHERE In EVERY PLACE
In Church or On Commode – Subway or Study – Getting Up / Lying Down
If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5.23,24

IF a Church has PRAYER MEETING – Many Don't – MOSTLY Women There Men are to PRAY with RIGHT HEART for Prayer – NO Anger or Disputing NOT Possible to PRAY without getting Self in RIGHT Heart and Mind MEN need to KEEP RELATIONSHIPS – with God and man – in Good Order

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the LORD

Psalm 24.3-5

2) Respectable Women

vs. 9,10 women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works.

Women NOT Want be TREATED like SEX OBJECTS, Should Not LOOK Part v. 9 women should adorn themselves / NOT Forbidding Jewelry or Hairstyles

Paul recognizes both that women are beautiful and that they should increase and exhibit their beauty. There is no biblical warrant in these verses for women to neglect their appearance, conceal their beauty or become dowdy and frumpish. The question is *how* they should adorn themselves.

John Stott

Women should Not IMPRESS by What WEAR, Who they ARE in His Service TRUE BEAUTY is Pure Heart, Kindness, Godliness, Holiness before God DRESS: 4 GIVING Praise to God and Help to Others / NOT Getting Stalked!

| | Men and their Prayers | Women and their Dress |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| "Baby to Keep" | Holiness, Love, | Inner Beauty, Purity, |
| Biblical Commands | Peace, | Modesty, |
| | Quit Anger & | Edify those Around them |
| | Quarreling | |
| "Bathwater to Change" | Lifting Hands | Gold, Braids, Jewels |
| Cultural Forms | _ | |

Women: Know Self, Society, and WHAT SEDUCES

1980's Preached Rural Africa, Front Row Display of Women's BREASTS

Not TRYING to Show them to Me – FEED Babies – Not make Easy to FOCUS

Guess OTHER Guys – Saw that BODY Part as Mostly FUNCTIONAL

Went Home to HAWAII – Women's LEGS in Shorts in Warm Weather

NEVER Saw LEGS in AFRICA > African Brothers said THAT was ERROTIC!

Are YOU Looking Good – In the Sight of God AND Man?

2. Listening Well – To the Message of God

MOST Important Piece of FURNITURE in Church WORD of GOD: Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.

1 Timothy 4.13

Something was GOING WRONG in this Part of the Ministry too....

a. Commotion - NOT Certain WHAT is Wrong, WHO to Blame

vs. 11,12 Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet.

FOCUS: 21st C – Women CANNOT TEACH! / 1st C – Women CAN LEARN!

Early Church – like Jewish Synagogues (Mosque) – Separate Gender Seating Paul WRITING 1 Timothy from across AEGEAN Sea near/in CORINTH Similar DISRUPTION to HEARING & Understanding Word in that Church

God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints, the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

1 Corinthians 14.33-35

Like PHONE Call – Hear ONLY Our End – Make EDUCATED Guess Situation Do KNOW, If Church OUT of Control - FAULT is w/ Elders / 3.1 "Overseers" Paul declares GOD wants PEACE & ORDER in ALL the Churches Women SPEAKING SIGNIFICANT Aspect of DISORDER those 2 churches Let us FURTHER Examine – What does this PROHIBITION Mean?

b. Calling - WOMEN VITAL Part of MINISTY in Early Church

Women had little status in Roman or Jewish society, Jesus challenged prejudices:

"Jesus traveled about...and the twelve were with him... also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. *These women were helping to support them out of their own means*."

Luke 8.1-3

LUKE tells us MUCH about Role of Women to ADVANCE of Gospel of Jesus Virgin Mary, Cousin Elizabeth, Temple Anna & Philip's 4 Daughters Prophets Luke 15 – Woman searching LOST COIN – Picture of GOD as WOMAN MEN RAN from CROSS, FAITHFUL Women Stayed, 1st Preachers Resurr.

1) Sharing the Word Positive Examples of WOMEN TEACHING in Bible If WOMEN did NOT Teach Bible – NOT be Reading 1 Tim, or 2 Timothy!

"...your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice...continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings"

2 Timothy 1.3,3.14,15

Grown Man, BISHOP Timothy – KEEP on Learning from GODLY Women

"Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children"

Titus 2.3.4

OLDER Women – Put DOWN BOTTLE & Pick UP BIBLE – TEACH IT!

First to Younger Women – RIPPLES Over to their HUSBANDS & CHILDREN

"Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him and explained to him the way of God more accurately"

Acts 18.24-26

Gifted COUPLE in Church in EPHESUS, Luke violates Custom Wife Named 1st Teacher Priscilla, husband Aquila – Made Good Teacher Apollos ever BETTER! Instead of Having Lunch talking about Sermon BEHIND Apollos' Back Bought Apollos Lunch and "explained to him the way of God more accurately"

every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head 1 Corinthians 11.5

Corinthian Church HEAD Problems: Men COVERED Heads, Should NOT Have

Women UNCOVERED Head – Should HAVE Covered Them

Headcovering – **BATHWATER** Issue, Unique Cultural Meaning

Headcovering Worn by Women of Corinthian Church > Their OWN HAIR

Corinth – City Dedicated to Sex – Prostitutes wore Hair Down, Wives > UP!

BABY - Important ISSUE in Corinth, this Chapter AUTHORITY of Husband

A By-The-Way: WIVES Praying & Prophesying in CHURCH – *NO Worries!!*If Paul approves Women Prophesying – Speaking forth God's Word – 1 Cor 11

Why Command Women SILENT 3 Chapters Later in 1 Corinth 14??

2) Sermons during Worship

1 Corinthians 14 – How LOVE guides Church in WORSHIP of God When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. 1 Corinthians 14.26

Each person has THEIR PART in Building Up the BODY

Tongues Speakers – IF Not INTERPRETER must be SILENT

Prophets Speaking OUT OF TURN should be SILENT

Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said... the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission

1 Corinthians 14.29,34

PROPHECIES are Given – Even by WOMEN – Must be TESTED by WORD Women must be SILENT > Not Participate in WEIGHING of Prophecies TEACHING AUTHORIZED by ELDERS – 1 Tim 3 – Women NOT Elders vs. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.

Woman NOT to Teach or Have Authority OVER Men – 2 Activities / Overlap
Women Can teach Men: Piano, Motorcycle Maintenance, even teach Bible
NOT BAN All Teaching of Women, PROHIBITS Teaching in WRONG WAY
Women Testify – Pray – Exhort – Sing – Lead Small Group – Teach a Class
Under Authority of Elders and Husband IF she is Married

This RIGHT HERE – Preaching in Stated Services of Worship – by MEN Word ADDRESSED to Whole Community when they GATHERED

What MEN & WOMEN do when COME TOGETHER IN Formal Services
Explaining, Applying, Impressing God's Word on People
On-going, Intentional, Formal Instruction of Authoritative Doctrine from Bible
Done by those who LEAD the Community > Leaders are MALE ELDERS

Bible CLEAR – Women NOT to be Bps, Pastors, Elders, or Preachers Service ONCE a Year? Ridiculous as Men using Women's Bathrooms Once a Year "I don't Agree, I don't Like it!" – Not Fair! Unjust! – What BIBLE Teaches We are NOT TRYING to Please the WORLD

c. Creation v. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve

Relevant in Ancient 1st C AND TODAY in Modern 21st C – UNCHANGING

CREATION Based – NOT CHANGING like CULTURE or Civilizations

LEADERSHIP by Men is NOT from the FALL – God's GOOD DESIGN

Creation ORDER BEFORE the FALL – NOT a DISTORTION – VERY GOOD

WHY? I do NOT Know – Why Birds Fly? Why Women Bear Children?

NOT Intellect, Ability, Purity, Effectiveness, Faithfulness, Compassion

It pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

1 Corinthians 1.21

Why does God ALLOW Foolish Man like Me to PREACH His HOLY Word?

God CREATED World with Structure & Authority on MANY LEVELS

Government - Business – Military – Family – Marriage & Church

BOTH Men & Women UNDER Authority // MEN PRAY w/ Hands Up to God

Overseers are ELDERS – Men who are NOT Elders like Women in Church Wrong IDEA – All Women Submit to ALL MEN – Only King, Elder, Husband

PLACE in God's ORDER has NOTHING to do with our VALUE

Parents - Child/ Ruler - Subject/ Husband - Wife/ Men - Women ALL EQUAL

Leadership is NOT ABOUT Power – It is about DYING! Death works in US!

Man NAILED NAKED Cross of Wood Palestine 2000 yrs ago SAVE WORLD

God who MADE US is ON OUR SIDE – LOVES US – KNOWS what is Best

NOT Keeping GREAT OPPORTUNITY from US – Best in Salvation & Service

d. Culpability

v. 14 Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.

Adam was NOT DECEIVED > NOT COMPLIMENT, or INSULT to Woman Adam's Sin was Wide-Eyed, INTENTIONAL, Conscious REBELLION Adam clearly HEARD Command & Consequences / BLATANT REVOLT

ROLE REVERSAL – SUBMISSION was DISTORTED in GARDEN

A & E Made to RULE over ANIMALS, but SUBMIT to Created SERPENT

Eve created to HELP her HUSBAND, Urges him to JOIN her in SIN

Adam designed to PROTECT Wife, PASSIVELY lets Serpent DECEIVE HER

Adam should have DEFENDED Honor of God lets Animal TRASH TALK God

Meaning EVE Deceived?? More GULLIBLE, NAÏVE, CAN'T THINK?! NO!

Made WOMAN VERY GOOD > As CAPABLE & TALENTED as MAN

Why was EVE Deceived? – BIBLE does NOT SAY – Genesis or Timothy

If Woman NOT Wise or Gifted NO Command to Teach Bible many Settings

Leadership Distorted FALLEN Man: 2 EXTREMES: ABUSIVE or AWOL

Men ABUSE Women – Home & Church – Use Bible Support their SIN

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" Named ADAM or EVE!

GREATEST LEADER is the SERVANT of ALL

e. Comfort

v. 15 Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

Most Women in Ephesus – Would GET MARRIED and HAVE CHILDREN

"To the woman he said, 'I will surely multiply your pain in *childbearing*; in pain you shall bring forth children." Genesis 3:16

"bearing children" - Very Point where God's Curse lands on the Woman

1st C before Modern Medicine > Many DIED in Childbirth, Suffered Wounds Rest of Lives Prevented FUTURE Childbirth, or Any Normal Sexual Life No Hygiene, Spinal Blocks, Sutures, Caesarians, Antibiotics, Anesthetics

Even 21st C Childbirth NO PICNIC – Many Women in FEAR & Despair Feel God against Them, He was Curser, Not Savior

v. 15 Yet she will be saved *through* childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

"She" = **Women in General** Shift from Singular to Plural "they" in Next Phrase Saved Not *by means of* but thru (**in spite of**) Engulfing Pains of Childbirth

"If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself *will be saved*, but only as *through* fire."

1 Corinthians 3:15

HAVING Baby NOT Ticket to Heaven = Salvation by Works > MEN Left OUT!

Saved thru Fire // Trial – She will PASS THRU Child-Bearing

God's word is Hope, Not Curse, God's Plan for you is Salvation not Destruction
Paul gives Hope of Gospel: Jesus Christ is Savior who became a Curse for US
Sting of Curse been Removed - Cannot Damn us Anymore

Faith is OUR Link to HIM - Love, Holiness, Self-Control Fruits of TRUE Faith

Thank You for LISTENING to DYING GASPS of OLD DINOSAUR

CRAZY, OUT of Touch OLD Man – ARCHAIC Views of MEN & WOMEN

SOCIETY SCREAMS Completely Different Message > So do Many churches

DANGEROUS Choice to Abandon Creation Design of God for Men & Women WORLD Declared INDEPENDENCE from God – Things NEVER Worse, Unwinnable Wars, Climate Catastrophes, Political Gridlock, Hopelessness

Long Ago JUDAH declared Independence from Covenant Lord, He called them:

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go. *Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments!* Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea..."

Isaiah 48.17,18

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