

God Established Roles

1 Timothy 2: 9 – 15

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

Dress to Glorify God. Vv. 9 – 10.

- Likewise – as concerning order in God's House.
- Proper Adornment.
 - Proper clothing, modestly, discreetly.
 - Not with Braided hair, gold or pearls or costly garments.
 - By means of good works, as women making the claim of godliness.
- The Point.
 - What women wear is not to draw attention to themselves, or their pride, but to draw attention to God and glorify Him.

Keep God's Established Roles. Vv. 11 – 12.

- Quietly Receive Instruction with entire submissiveness.
 - Do not disrupt worship services.
 - Note it was a Christian privilege for women to receive instruction, not common among Jews or Gentiles.
 - Not a call for never speaking, but must be taken with the next verse as referring to usurping the authority of God's called Pastor.
- God does not call women to be the pastor, or take the authority of such.
 - These are roles God clearly specifies in His word related to the church and the home.

God's Roles Established in Creation. Vv. 13 – 15.

- Paul refers back to Adam being created first then Eve.
 - God's established roles in home and church were settled prior to the Fall, meaning universal rules.
- Eve was deceived.
 - This does not implicate Eve for all sin (Sin Nature), Paul clearly implicated Adam who sinned without being deceived.
- How is a woman preserved through bearing children?
 - Still must continue in faith, love and sanctity with self-restraint.

Conclusion

- God has given specific roles to men in leadership, especially spiritually in both family and church.
- God has given specific roles to women in relation to church ministries as well, but not that of Pastor.
- For God to receive the glory, it requires women to dress and act in a manner that the focus of attention is on God.
- We can trust that God knows what is best and we are wise to line up to His word related to the roles He has established.