

1 Timothy 2:11-15

LESSON 12

Women in Silence

1. First Things First – Rom 3:4

- a. Modesty starts not in the material you put on but the mind you put on
- b. God created man and woman, marriage, the church, and inspired 1 Timothy
- c. God's words are not subject to our culture, social issues, false teaching, or feelings
- d. The Bible teaches men and women are different (an idea under attack)
- e. The context: 1 Timothy talks about behavior in the church
- f. The context: Ephesus, Diana/Artemis, Amazon women, goddess of war/beasts/wild

2. 1 Timothy 2:11 – Learn in Silence

- a. Women made in equal value/worth, meet for men – Gen 1:26-28, 2:20, Gal 3:28
- b. Christianity enslaves women, and feminism delivers them is backward
- c. Something better than equality = “women and children first”, honor, privilege
- d. “*Let the woman learn*” – has delivered more women than any other religion
- e. “*in silence*” – Not the only time – Ps63:11, 1Ti 5:13, Eph 4:31, Col 3:8
- f. Paul's commands to be quiet and orderly 1 Th 4:11, 5:14; 2 Th 3:6-12, Titus 1:6-11
- g. Paul tells men to keep silent in 1 Cor 14:28 & 30. 14:34 is toward unruly women
- h. “*with all subjection*” speaks to authority, respect: Jb 29:21, Hb2:20, Zc2:13, Ac 15:12

3. 1 Timothy 2:12-14 – Usurping Authority

- a. What was happening? Diana was the goddess, men not allowed, inferior, forward
- b. Women speak, teach, pray, and prophesy – Ti 2:3-4, Phil 4:3, 1 Cor 11:5, Rom 16:1
- c. “not to teach” (in this setting, not everywhere), “nor usurp authority” – Acts 18:26
- d. Purpose of the church is not a vocation, chance to talk, show, competition, contest
- e. Men given responsible offices of the church to prevent usurpation at home – 1Ti 3:5
- f. It is not that men are superior, more capable, more spiritual, etc
- g. God created woman because he did not get it right the first time – 1 Cor 11:7-9
- h. The mystery of why God created men and women: to preach a mystery – Eph 5:32
- i. Man made to reflect the position of Christ, while women the position of the church
- j. God's order is to reflect God's authority, but also God's message – Phil 2:3-8
- k. This does not mean men do all the ministry, we need more willing women!

4. 1 Timothy 2:15 – Saved in Childbearing

- a. A hard verse. Saved from what? I'll say – wantonness – 1Tim 5:13-14
- b. That it is not her soul salvation should be obvious from Eph 2:8-9, Titus 3:5
- c. Also, it is clear it takes more than one for “salvation” to occur “they”
- d. I see faith/charity in 1 Tim 1:2-5, 1:19; and holiness and sobriety in 1 Tim 2:8-9