

SERMON NOTES

MEN AND WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:8-15



BIG IDEA: God wants men and women in the church to glorify him by joyfully following the commands and patterns he has established for our good.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

How does our current cultural climate influence the church's understanding of men's and women's roles?

How does it help our understanding of this passage to learn about the ancient Ephesian culture and what principles in the text appear timeless and universal?

How would you respond to someone who argues that Paul's instructions concerning women and elders only apply to the ancient Ephesian context?

How should we respond biblically to those with whom we disagree, no matter what side of the issue we take?

Why is it essential for the church to make sure we accurately understand a passage like 1 Timothy 2:8-15?

APPLY

How has impurity or interpersonal conflict hindered your prayer life? What steps might you need to take to become pure in your heart or to live at peace with someone else?

How can you practice modesty and self-control in your dress without becoming legalistic? Are there any ways you're drawing attention to yourself and away from God?

If you are a man, how can you encourage women to fulfill their biblical role and maximize their giftedness at home and in the church? If you are a woman, how can you encourage men to lead through prayer and exemplify purity and peace faithfully?

COMMIT

Dig deeper into this issue and read Kevin DeYoung's book *Men and Women in the Church* (Crossway, 2021).