

Women's Roles

Paul's Epistles

Are women put in a box or
a car?



Our Responsibility

- Comfortable or Uncomfortable Religion
 - Weak Faith?
 - Cowardice?
 - Ignorance?
- Deuteronomy 10:12-13
 - And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

Women's Roles in Biblical History

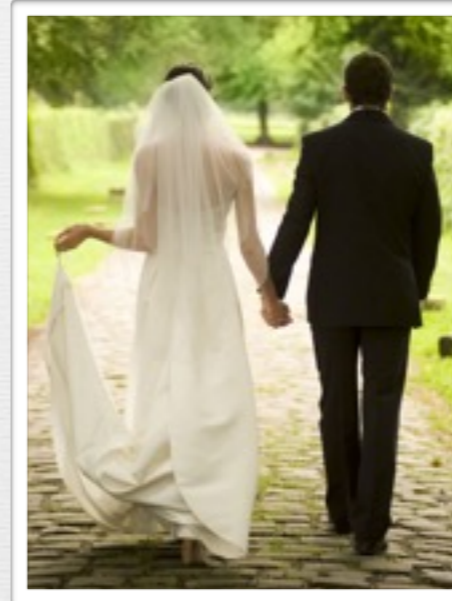
- Judge: Deborah - Judges 4-5
- Prophetess: Huldah - 2 Kings 22:14-20; Miriam - Exodus 15; Anna - Luke 2:32; Unnamed in Isaiah 8:3; Phillips daughters - Acts 8; Sons and Daughters Prophecy - Joel 2:28/Acts 2:17
- Women Pray/Prophecy Publicly - 1 Corinthians 11:5
- Aquila instructed privately - Acts 18
- Euodia and Syntyche - Phil 4:2-3
- Commended women for teaching their children - 2 Tim 1:5
- Urged older women to instruct younger - Titus 2:3-4

Women do all sorts
of things, but not
everything.
Women take
leadership
positions occasionally,
not regularly

- Pattern:**
- Instructed men
privately, no formal
address
 - - Advised, rebuked
men but did not
issue decrees for
Israel
 - - Women taught and
prophesied but no
instance of
“preaching”

Ephesians 5:22-6:9

- Submission: One person bows to the will of another
- “Submitting to One Another”
- Disciples submit to authority
- Marriage vs. Children & Slaves



1 Corinthians 5-7

- Setting the Stage for 1 Corinthians 11
- Corinthian Christians overvalued their freedom
- Sexual freedom
- Pauls lay down *one* standard but gave men and women different *roles*. (1 Corinthians 7:3-4, 10-11, 12-13, 15-16) Symmetry.

1 Corinthians 11:3-16

- Point made by Paul: Especially in worship, Paul wanted married women to show respect for their husbands by the way they adorned their heads.
 - Women are free to prophesy but watch out for a possible abuse! They might prophesy in a way that dishonours their husbands.

Culture: 1 Corinthians 11:3-16

- Roman Colony, even though most residents Greek, Rome was the influencer.

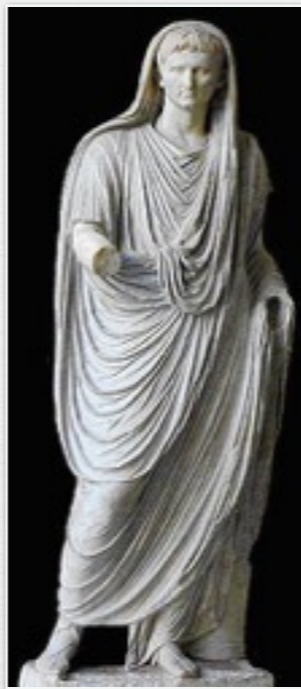




Woman and Man
together -
head covered.



Head and Order



I Corinthians 11:7

- “A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.”
- Gender Roles (v13-16)
- How do we express authority in our culture?

Principles vs. Rules

- “Greet one another with a holy kiss” 1 Cor 16:20
 - Rule - embody or illustrate principles
 - Principle - Greet each other warmly
- 1 Corinthians 11
 - Principles:
 - 1. Women should use their gifts including prophecy
 - 2. Women must respect men, especially husbands as God ordained leaders of the home and church.

The use of head coverings is a rule that *embodies* the principle. We cannot dispense with male leadership and respect to their authority because that *is* the principle

1 Corinthians 14:26-35

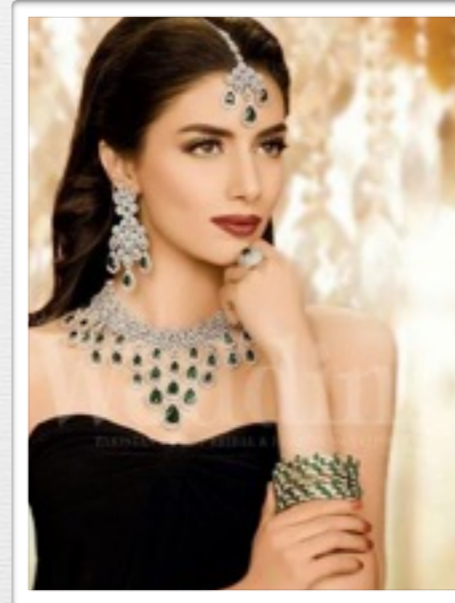
- Order
- Temporary and Situational Silence
- *Sigao* - Greek word, rarely means total speechlessness. More to keep to oneself.
 - 14:28, 14:30, 14:34 - temporarily stop speaking
- Results of not following:
 - chaos - multiple people speaking at one
 - false teaching may go unchecked.

1 Timothy 2:8-15

- Paul wrote this letter:
 - (3:14-15) Know proper conduct in Church
 - A healthy church according to Paul in Timothy:
 - Shuns pointless controversies
 - holds to the gospel and fights for the faith
 - prays
 - behaves modestly
 - adopts proper gender roles
 - has sound leadership

Dress Modestly

- In the early church the rejection of external adornment was part and parcel of a woman submission to her husband...and standing among men in general.
- But ostentatious adornments indicated sexual infidelity and materialistic extravagance



Quietness and Full Submission

- Liberates and Restrains
- Quiet Manner
- Submission to Doctrine and teaching
- Respect



Women teaching/authority over a man

- Egalitarian View - Permit is present tense and temporary
- Complementation View - Permanent but Partial

3 Factors to support Permanent but Partial

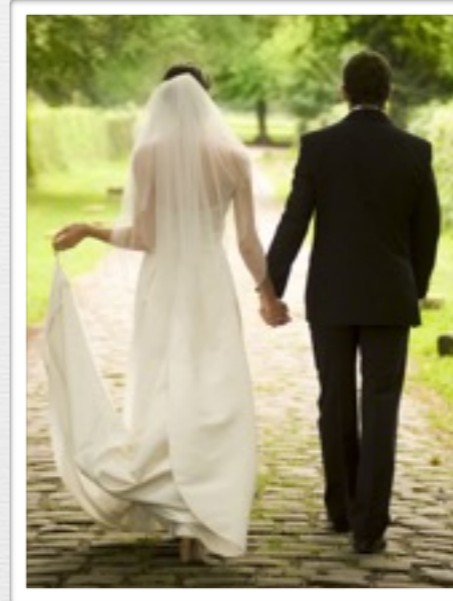
1. Other Scripture shows women teaching but not preaching or teaching mass assembly of believers
2. The context is worship in the church
3. Paul's letters and language suggest he means teaching foundational doctrines of the faith

Reasons for Male Leadership

- Primogeniture
- What about Gal 3:28?? There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ??
- Order, worship, authority, respect
- Jesus' Return, 1 Cor 15:22-23

Deceived

- Prone to deception?
- Not intelligent?
- Character differences?



Gifts

- Speaking Gifts:
 - Apostleship, Discernment, Encouragement, Evangelism, Knowledge, Prophecy, Shepherding, Teaching, Tongues, Interpretation of tongues, Wisdom
- Doing Gifts:
 - Administration, Creativity, Giving, Healing, Miracles, Hospitality, Mercy, Service
- Speaking and Doing Gifts
 - Faith, Leadership

Women Roles

- Can a woman teach a man the Bible?
- Can a woman preach?
- Woman Deacons/Deaconess - Romans 16:1 - Phoebe
- Elders Wife, Deacons Wife

Us Today

- God gives us freedom
- We are under authority
- Usurping power or Not having enough conviction!
- Our Marriage, Our Family, Our Church