

## **God's Plan for Women in the Church, Part 3**

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### I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Timothy 2:9-15.

B. Paul is correcting the church at Ephesus that has women usurping the authority of men in the church.

C. There are several elements regarding women's life in the church

### II. Appearance: moderation.

### III. Attitude: godly fear and self control.

### IV. Testimony: good deeds.

### V. Role.

A. Learning: women were equally entitled to be involved in the learning process.

B. All are equal in terms of spiritual life and practice.

C. Women had different roles, however.

D. Women are to be silent and subject.

1. Silence refers to teaching. Subjection refers to authority in the church.

2. Some women in the church were pushing the philosophy of other religions so there was disorder in the church at Corinth. Women were not to speak prophecies in the church there. (1 Corinthians 14:34)

3. Women are put in submission to men. Every society has symbols for maleness and femaleness and should act in accordance with those. (1 Corinthians 11)

4. God has designed all of human life in terms of relationships. Within those relationships there are certain roles. Our society does not like this because individuality is prized.

5. Women could and should engage in communal prayer. Silence only has to do with teaching. (Acts 1:14)

Application questions

1. What position do you take on women's roles in ministry? What Scripture supports your position?
2. Why would God design genders with different roles?
3. Why does our society dislike the idea of differing gender roles? Explain.