

# HOW THE CHURCH SHOULD WORK

## Part 2 The Place of Prayer & The Role of Gender

Main Scripture 1 Timothy Chapter 2



***1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,***

Everything we do, think, say or contemplate should be **PRECEDED** with prayer.

Four types of prayers are mentioned.

1. **Supplication**- δέησις (deēsis)- Urgent Petition, A Plea
2. **Prayers**- ἤς, ἡ; (proseuchē)- Continual Prayer, A place of Prayer
3. **Intercessions**- ἔντευξις (enteuxis)- On behalf of others, Mediator
4. **Giving Thanks**- (εὐχαριστία) Eucharistia- Thankfulness

***2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,***

**Who should we pray for?**

1. All Mankind- The people we like and do not like.
2. Government Leaders
3. All who have Authority over us

A benefit of prayer is a “**Quiet and Peaceable Life**”. This does not mean a problem free life but a life of freedom of worship.

***4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, 7 for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.***

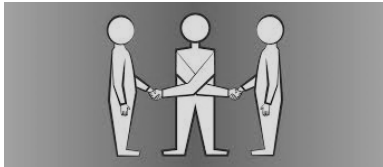
Who does God want to save? All Men

## 2 Peter 3:9 CEB

*9 The Lord isn't slow to keep his promise, as some think of slowness, but he is patient toward you, not wanting anyone to perish but all to change their hearts and lives.*

**"There Is one God"** (Verse 5)

All "Religions" **DO NOT** lead to the same place.



There Is **one Mediator** between us and God (Verse 5)

*See John 14:6-7*

The Is **one Perfect sacrifice** (Verse 6)

*See Acts 4:12-13*



***8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;***

**Pray everywhere-** Not just at Church or in a crowd or, to be seen.

*See Matthew 6:5*

**Pray Without Wrath or Doubting-**

Wrath- Anger & Malice

Doubting- Without Faith

***9 in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, 10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.***

### **The Dress of Christian Women**

This has more to do with "Social status" than "Style". This Church was in a area much like today, where there is a divide between the "Haves" and the "Have Nots". Paul is instructing the women believers, not to turn the Church into a fashion show or a Hollywood production, discouraging those women who may not be able to

afford those things. Paul is NOT teaching, you cant “Fix Yourself Up” or wear makeup or dress nicely. He is teaching that if that becomes the focus, it hinders the person that wears it and the other women. I see that in the Church now and the effect it has on the body of Christ. The group “Mary Mary” has a song called “It’s The God In Me”. It represents what Paul was addressing here. The song talks basically about, what I wear and what I drive is the evidence that God loves me. I don’t have a problem with “Mary Mary” but, I do



have a problem with the mindset that a blessed life is a glamorous or showy life. It’s also the “God in me” when you have more month than money and still serve him. It’s the God in you, when you can’t afford a new outfit but you keep serving the Lord faithfully. Today’s Church, just like the Church then, is traveling down this same road Paul warned about. Most Churches are a

“Fashion Show”. The Apostle Paul said women should dress in “*propriety and moderation*”. That means decently and with self control. This addresses both the tight and revealing clothing as well as the elaborate “First Lady” hat and outfit that you see in so many Churches. The goal is to not draw attention to yourself with outward things. You can stand out with your Christian conduct. This scripture has been misused to condemn women for dressing nicely, That’s not what this scripture is about. It’s addressing both the “Slut” and the “Show Off”. One is just as bad as the other.

***11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. 12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. 15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.***

Lean in right here because this is the basis for the ‘False Teaching’ that God does not call women to preach. Before we go any farther, let me give you a list of scriptures that prove that completely wrong. But first, think about what preaching is. It is proclaiming the Gospel (God News) of Jesus Christ. The first group of people to do that were women (Read Luke 24:1-25).

### **Galatians 3:28**

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, **nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

### **Acts 2:17**

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons **and daughters will prophesy**, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

### **Acts 21:9**

Now this man had four virgin **daughters who were prophetesses.**

### **Judges 4:4-5**

4 Now **Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time.**  
5 She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the **Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided.**



“Let the Woman learn in Silence”

Learning in Silence- Does not mean “Not speaking”, it means in “Quietness”. The Bible uses the same word in **1 Thessalonians 4:11**

*And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; KJV*

Now the New King James version makes it clearer

*that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you,*

Women Learning in “Silence” means not being in everybody’s business (*Read 1 Timothy 5:13*).

## **“And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have (Usurp) authority over a man”**

In light of all we have already covered and the undeniable fact from the Bible, that God uses women to spread the gospel and lead his people, what is this particular scripture actually teaching then? We know from scripture that it can't be teaching that women can't teach a man. Deborah Judged and Taught the whole nation of God's people Israel. So what is it addressing.

The words in the text Women (Greek gynē) and Man (Greek anēr), actually means Wife and Husband. What the Bible is addressing here is this. If you are Married to a Godly man, who is heading the house spiritually, you are not to try to override or Bulldog him, even if he is not moving as fast as you think he should. That is why Paul goes on to explain that it is about order not worth. It's not that a man is valuable and a woman is worthless. The man is described as the head (Covering) of the woman, that means protector. He goes on to say-

***13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. (Read also 1 Corinthians 11:9-16)***

This goes back to creation and the “Fall” of Human beings in Genesis. Man was created then out of Adam, God took a Rib and created woman to be an EQUAL companion. Adam even said this.

*Genesis 2:23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.*

Adam was saying, Eve was the same as him, bone for bone and flesh for flesh. But, after the “Fall of Man” God said the man’s punishment would be “hard labor”. The woman’s punishment would be her desires would be towards (Follow) her husband. Not that Adam was better than or superior to Eve but that he would now lead.



On a side note, that is one of the reasons God tells us not to get married to an unbeliever. Because especially as a woman, your covering is unsaved.

### *2 Corinthians 6:14-16*

*14 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what does righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 15 What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.”*

**DO NOT MARRY AN UNSAVED PERSON!** If you find yourself married to an unbelieving spouse, it is not an excuse to divorce them (Read 1 Corinthians 7:10-16). But you will be put in a difficult situation where you will have to choose the will of God over your spouse and that will make for a very stained and stress filled life.

*1 Samuel 25:2-4 New International Version*

*2 A certain man in Maon, who had property there at Carmel, was very wealthy. He had a thousand goats and three thousand sheep, which he was shearing in Carmel. 3 His name was Nabal and his wife's name was Abigail. She was an intelligent and beautiful woman, but her husband was surly and mean in his dealings—he was a Calebite. 14 One of the servants told Abigail, Nabal's wife, "David sent messengers from the wilderness to give our master his greetings, but he hurled insults at them. 15 Yet these men were very good to us. They did not mistreat us, and the whole time we were out in the fields near them nothing was missing. 16 Night and day they were a wall around us the whole time we were herding our sheep near them. 17 Now think it over and see what you can do, because disaster is hanging over our master and his whole household. He is such a wicked man that no one can talk to him."*

*18 Abigail acted quickly. She took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five dressed sheep, five seahs of roasted grain, a hundred cakes of raisins and two hundred cakes of pressed figs, and loaded them on donkeys. 19 Then she told her servants, "Go on ahead; I'll follow you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal. 20 As she came riding her donkey into a mountain ravine, there were David and his men descending toward her, and she met them. 21 David had just said, "It's been useless—all my watching over this fellow's property in the wilderness so that nothing of his was missing. He has paid me back evil for good. 22 May God deal with David, be it ever so severely, if by morning I leave alive one male of all who belong to him!" 23 When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed down before David with her face to the ground. 24 She fell at his feet and said: "Pardon your*

*servant, my lord, and let me speak to you; hear what your servant has to say. 25 Please pay no attention, my lord, to that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name—his name means Fool, and folly goes with him. And as for me, your servant, I did not see the men my lord sent.*

