

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

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I. SCRIPTURAL BASIS

A. 1 CORINTHIANS 11:3-5

- 1) While seeking to correct women who were not wearing veils in worship services in the Corinthian church, Paul spoke of both men & women “praying and prophesying”—women were _____
- 2) Paul was not endorsing this practice but simply recording what was happening; he _____ it later

B. 1 CORINTHIANS 14:33-36

- 1) One step toward correcting the chaos in the Corinthian services: Let your women keep _____
 - a) Though the OT and NT teach the equality and dignity of women, churches are led by _____
 - b) The “law” teaches in Gen.3:16 that the _____ shall rule over the wife—submission principle
 - c) Paul is _____ in v.36, jabbing at the audacity of the Corinthian women in joining in prophesying
- 2) Why did Paul tell women to ask their husbands to ask _____ at home? Probably because they were joining in not only the prophesying, but also the judging—public disputes with men (v.29)

C. 1 TIMOTHY 2:11-14

- 1) 3 General Observations: a) 1 Timothy is a book of _____ order b) Paul uses the words “man’ and “woman in this passage—all _____ c) “Let” in v.11 is not permission but a _____
- 2) 2 Major Issues: In the church a woman is not to a) _____ ; nor 2) exercise _____ over a man
- 3) Paul roots these 2 commands in the order of _____ and the story of the _____ not patriarchy

II. SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION

APPLICATION #1 (PRIMARY APPLICATION)

- 1) We must _____ 1 Tim.2:11-14 with NT “one another’s” such as Col.3:16 and Rom.15:14. How?
- 2) The issue turns on realizing these principles apply to settings where _____ “learn” the Bible in church
- 3) Because women are to remain silent in church services where the Bible is authoritatively taught, they cannot be _____ ; the office of pastor is bound up with teaching sound doctrine & feeding the flock

APPLICATION #2

- 1) Our discussions in our afternoon services are not intended to for authoritative _____ of the Scriptures
- 2) We consciously aim to build up the body by exercising the “one another’s”—including the _____

APPLICATION #3

- 1) Some evangelicals believe because women today are educated and gifted, they can teach _____
- 2) But biblical principle forbids this practice; women may teach women and children through _____ age

APPLICATION #4

- 1) The music we sing is a form of _____ ; we insist that men lead our worship, but women our choir?
- 2) Many of our hymn-writers are _____ ; should we permit women to sing solos in our worship services?

QUESTIONS