

- The main passage for our study is **1 Timothy 2: 8-15**, of which we will mostly cover verses **11-14**.
- GOAL TODAY: ESTABLISH THAT MEN AND WOMEN ARE EQUAL IN STATUS BUT GOD HAS DESIGNED AND ORDERED DISTINCT ROLES FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ASSEMBLY.
  - OUR SUBMISSION TO HIM IN ACCEPTING WHAT HE HAS DESIGNED NOT ONLY LEADS TO BLESSINGS BUT TO HIS PLEASURE—HE WILL BE PLEASED WITH US.
  - CONDUCT MATTERS BECAUSE EITHER IT UPHOLDS TRUTH AND PLEASES GOD OR UNDERMINES TRUTH AND DISPLEASES HIM.
- The word MISOGYNY
- verse 11: PAUL IS NOT WRITING ABOUT THE FACT OF WOMEN LEARNING BUT THE MANNER OF WOMEN LEARNING.
  - Think of the narrative of Jesus being invited into the house of Martha and Mary in Luke 10: 38-42.—JESUS EMANCIPATES WOMEN
  - HOW SHOULD WOMEN LEARN IN THE GATHERED ASSEMBLY OF GOD'S PEOPLE? The answer: They should learn **quietly with an attitude of submissiveness**. There are no restrictions to women LEARNING.
  - Paul is not merely asking women to not use their audible voice when learning, he is asking for an attitude that submits to the design and order that God has ordained.
  - Also read **1 Corinthians 14:33-34**
- verse 12:
  - The "I" of verse 12 is the authoritative "I" of apostolic command.
  - He forbids women to engage in two activities:
    - (1) They should not teach men in the gathered assembly of men and women.
    - (2) They should not exercise authority over men in the gathered assembly of men and women.
  - While teaching is a form of authority, it is not merely teaching that is in view but leadership over men is also in view.
- COMPLEMENTARIANS and EGALITARIANS. Complementarians argue Male and Female are equal in status, but God has allowed for differences in roles in the churches.
- The Egalitarians argue that Male and Female are equal in status AND they are equal in ROLES.

- The Greek word “AUTHENTEIO” is only mentioned once in the entire New Testament, so it has been a battleground between COMPLIMENTARIANS and EGALITARIANS. Complementarians believe the word mean “exercise authority”. Egalitarians believe the word means, “DOMINEER”. Al Wolters published the most definitive work and showed that it meant “exercise authority”.
- Let’s turn to verses **13 and 14**:
  - **Verse 13** grounds the instruction of role differences in CREATION.
  - **Verse 14** grounds the instruction of role differences in the FALL.
  - Let’s turn to **Genesis 1:26-28**:
    - **Firstly**, when it came to the creation of MAN, the TRIUNE GODHEAD decided to create man DIRECTLY.
    - **Secondly**, God created MAN in His own image.
    - **Thirdly**, Man as Male and Female were called to a SPECIAL TASK. The task of having dominion over God’s creation. No one else is given this task but MAN alone.
  - The word “Man” is the Hebrew ADAM. God chose to call the the entire human race by the name of the male He created. Also see Genesis 5:1-2
- **Genesis Chapter 2** which gives us DETAILS OF THE STORY OF THE CREATION OF MAN. GENESIS 2 is not about the FALL of MAN. That will be chapter 3.
  - 1. God makes ADAM the MAIN CHARACTER.
  - 2. God created Adam first, before He created the WOMAN.
  - 3. God gave Adam the responsibility to name all the animals.
  - 4. God created the Woman from the Man
  - 5. God creates the WOMAN to be a helper FOR the Man
  - 6. Adam exercised his God-given right to NAME the Woman
- **The Narrative of the Fall mentioned in Genesis chapter 3**:
  - Here we have clear statements that the serpent deceived Eve, not Adam
  - Adam who was with Eve took the proffered fruit.
  - Adam allowed Eve to take over headship.
  - Eve took over the lead.
- OUR CONDUCT A MANIFESTATION OF THE REVERSAL THAT WILL CULMINATE ONE DAY WHEN THE SONS OF GOD COME TO GLORY