



## Men AND Women are from Eden

“Entrusted to You” Series

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### Introduction

In this passage we learn important categories for thinking about men and women in the church.

### The Text: 1 Timothy 2:11-15

<sup>11</sup> Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup> I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup> For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup> and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup> Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

- 1) Historic, orthodox Christianity offers a beautiful and foundational perspective on men and women.
  - a) *The Design*
  - b) *The Divorce*
  - c) *The Dilemma*
  
- 2) Christians must enter any discussion on gender with gospel categories and spectacles.
  - a) *There are two official positions in Evangelicalism today regarding men and women in the church.*
    - “Egalitarianism” – think “RIGHTS”  
Galatians 3: <sup>28</sup> *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*
  
    - “Complementarianism” – think “ROLES”  
Ephesians 5: <sup>22</sup> *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.* <sup>23</sup> *For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, ...* <sup>25</sup> *Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...*
  
  - b) *If I could offer an unofficial position that avoids some of the baggage of the others:*
    - “Mutualism” – think “RESPONSIBILITIES and REWARDS”  
Ephesians 5: <sup>17</sup> *Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.* <sup>18</sup> *And ... be filled with the Spirit ...* <sup>21</sup> *submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.* <sup>22</sup> *Wives, [submit] to your own husbands, as to the Lord...*
  
- 3) These difficult and debated five verses will require several things from the Christian.
  - a) *We need to be ready for Scripture to offend us.*
  - b) *We need to be willing to examine our cultural assumptions and practices.*
  - c) *We need to sit under the Word of God as humble students and faithful disciples of Jesus.*

**Response:** God made you man and woman for his glory and our mutual good. The church needs to remember this truth.

## Sunday Text Questions for 1 Timothy 2:11-15, Part 1 (“Entrusted to You” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: In what ways is the Bible’s assumptions and teachings on men and women different than the assumptions and teachings in contemporary culture?
- 2) Read Genesis 1:27-28. What does the fact that both men and women are made in God’s image and given authority teach us about God’s perspective on gender?
- 3) Read Genesis 2:18-25. What do these verses teach us about the interdependence and harmony between men and women?
- 4) Read Genesis 3:16. What does this verse teach us about the strife and conflict that exists between men and women?
- 5) Read Galatians 3:27-29. Why are these verses (especially v. 28) influential to those who hold to “egalitarianism,” the position that believes there is no biblical distinction in any way between men and women?
- 6) Read Ephesians 5:22-33. Why are these verses influential to those who hold to “complementarianism,” the position that believes there is a God-designed structure that distinguishes the roles of men and women?
- 7) What practical differences might exist between egalitarianism and complementarianism in the local church?
- 8) Read Ephesians 5:21. How does this verse put the verses that follow in a proper context?
- 9) Why is gender such a debated topic in the world today, including the church?
- 10) How can we know if our views on gender are rooted in the Bible or in a particular culture?

**Further study this week:** Read Genesis 1-3 and look at all the ways it instructs the Christian about the relationship between man and woman.