

Prayer & Women in the Church  
1 Timothy 2:8-15  
1 Timothy – L2  
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Thesis: I want to show what the Holy Spirit teaches through Paul concerning prayer and the role of women in the church.

- Intro:
1. Many today has various ideas about these topics – prayer and the role of women in the church.
  2. Let us keep in mind what we want to know is what the Bible teaches, as it is our guide.

I. Pray for everyone (1 Tim 2:1-8)

A. Types of prayers to be offered (**v.1**)

1. Supplication – prayer for a recognized need
2. Petition – a general prayer
3. Intercessions – prayers on behalf of others
4. Thanksgiving – prayers that express gratitude

B. Power of prayer (**v.2-3**)

1. Prayer can accomplish what other things cannot.
2. When Paul wrote these words the Roman empire had tremendous power and many evil leaders including the emperor Nero.

C. The purpose of such prayers (**v.4**)

1. Prayer to lead a quite and peaceable life.
2. It is the will of God which includes God’s desire to save all men including the wicked. (**v.4,6**)

D. The Mediator (**v.5**)

1. What is a mediator?
  - a. one who intervenes between two, either in order to make or restore peace and friendship, or form a compact, or for ratifying a covenant
2. One mediator – Christ

E. Paul’s Role

1. Paul was appointed by God to proclaim the gospel (**v.7**)

F. How men are to pray (**v.8**)

2. Men (here the Greek word is not generic as for all mankind but is male), men of God are to pray without wrath and doubting
  - a. These men are to be holy who are praying (lifting up holy hands) while believing that God answers prayers and does so according to His will.

II. Godly women (1 Tim 2:9-15)

A. Paul “in like manner” now addresses Christian women

1. They are instructed adorn themselves modestly and without drawing attention to themselves. (**v.9**)
  - a. This attention would be things that would cause a luring eye.
2. The dress code for Christian women should be consistent with such a person professing Godliness and a laborer for the Lord (**v.10**).

B. Christian women in the assembly (v.11-15)

1. Christian women are called to be submissive. In like manner men are to be submissive as well, to God and His laws. (v.11)
2. Women in the mixed assembly do not have scriptural authority to have a leadership role (v.12).
  - a. The inspired Apostle instructs in verse 12 that women are not to have authority over men
  - b. Silence here indicates she is not to teach in publicly in presence of men
  - c. Women however have authority to teach a ladies class, conduct ladies days, retreats, etc.
    - i. The command here is not teaching at all but teaching in the scriptural setting.
3. The reasons discussed by Paul (v.13-14).
  - a. The priority of man in creation. Adam was formed first then Eve.
  - b. The deception in Eden.
    - i. It is true that both sinned in Eden but Eve alone was deceived, Adam sinned with his eyes wide open.
  - c.- Paul's explanation shows this was not a cultural idea as he gave reasons (v.13-14).
4. Salvation of a household (v.15)
  1. To be saved women must continue in faith, love, holiness and self-control.
  2. Faith, love, holiness and self-control sum up the obligations of living for Christ.
    - a. Thus she will be saved by living the Christian life.
  3. No woman was ever told that child bearing will save her, there are too many situations that are out of a woman's control that may prevent her from having children.
  4. The meaning here is that Eve (representative of womankind) was deceived in the transgression and because of this her sex bears restrictions in teaching, this however will not keep women from being saved provided they practice the precepts of faith (Faith, Love, holiness and self control), that is to live a faithful Christian life.

III. Lessons for us today.

- A. Prayer is an important aspect of the Christian life.
  1. The Christian is encouraged many times throughout scripture to pray (**1 Thess 5:17**)
  2. We are told to make our concerns known to God through prayer (**Phil 4:6**)
- B. Every person has a role before God.
  1. **Just as Paul describes the role of women here, He will in chapter 3 describe the requirements of male leadership in the church.**
  2. **The world would have us believe such teachings are sexist, when, these precepts are Biblical as they are spoken by the inspired Apostle.**
  3. **God's organization for the church must be followed if we are to be pleasing to Him.**

Application & Conclusion:

1. Let us be those not only pray for our leaders but pray often for all things.
2. Let us be those who respect God's commands in matters including teaching and leadership.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9