

# Women in the Church – 1 Timothy 2

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- ❖ Appearance
- ❖ Attitude
- ❖ Testimony

**Judges 14:1-3** Samson chose his wife based on her “looks”

**2 Samuel 11:1-4** Bathsheba’s immodesty led to the downfall of a man of God, death, and a compromised testimony to the Lord

**Mark 6:21-23** Herod was ready to give up half of his kingdom for the sensuous dance of a woman

**1 Peter 3:3-4** A wife should make an appeal based on her inner person, not her outward appearance

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## For Men –

God views lustful looking the same as adultery (Matthew 5:27-28)

## What should a man do?

Flee immorality (1 Corinthians 6:18)

Treasure God's Word in your heart (Psalm 119:11)

Make a covenant with your eyes (Job 31:1)

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## Genesis

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- 1:26-27 Man created in the image of God, told to subdue the earth
- 2:7 Man made from dust, created in the image of God (Gen 1:26)
- 2:15 Man put in garden to cultivate it
- 2:16-17 Man commanded not to eat fruit
- 2:18 Man alone, “not good”, needs helper
- 2:19-20 Man names animals
- 2:21-23 Woman made from man’s rib as “helper” for man

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## 1 Corinthians

- 11:3 God's order in the church described  
GOD → CHRIST → MAN → WOMAN
- 11:7 Man is the glory of God, woman is the glory of man
- 11:8 Woman originates from man
- 11:9 Woman was created for man's sake
- 11:11 Man and woman are interdependent

Order or role does not establish worth

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- 3:1 Serpent approaches woman
- 3:2-3 Woman misquotes God
- 3:4-5 Serpent lies to woman, casts doubt on God’s love
- 3:6 Woman eats fruit, gives to man, he eats
- 3:7 Man and woman try to hide sin
- 3:14-15 Serpent cursed, death of Christ foretold
- 3:16 Woman cursed, pain in childbirth, ruled over by husband
- 3:17 Man cursed for listening to wife instead of God

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## What happened in Genesis?

The deception began when Satan said:

“Did God really say....?”

(The woman wasn't there when God spoke)

Her understanding of what God said was distorted

(This gave Satan a foothold)

The woman did not seek her authority (Adam)

She took it upon herself to interpret God's word

The man did not take his position as the higher authority

He listened to his wife's instruction

He believed her word instead of God's

Note that God holds Adam accountable for man's fall, even though Eve was the first to sin.

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.

Romans 5:12

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“Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.”

1 Timothy 2:11

“Learn” – Receive instruction; Lit. “be disciplined”

We get our word “disciple” from this root word

“Silence” – A quiet demeanor or attitude; Lit. “quieter”

“Submission” – Lit. “to line up under”; get in line, not rebel, not be unruly

“A woman must be willing to be disciplined with a quiet attitude, and not be rebellious or unruly.”

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1 Timothy 2:12

“**Teach**” – Impart instruction, expound (context is in teaching God’s Word)

“**Have authority**” – Exercise dominion, absolute authority (strong term)

“**Silence**” – Quiet demeanor (see vs. 11), not an absolute silence (as in 1 Corinthians 14:34)

“Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says.”

1 Corinthians 14:34 (context is meeting of the church)

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1 Timothy 2:11-12