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Living Out God's Order in the Church
1 Timothy 2:8-15

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The Big Question: Are We Willing to Follow God's Plan for Ordering the Church?

- We should not be **embarrassed** by what the Scriptures teach.
- As Christians, we must **embrace** all of what the Scriptures say.

I. Paul Confronts Divisive Men in the Church (2:8)

- Pray with **purity** before God.
- Pray with **peace** before others.

II. Paul Counsels Distracting Women in the Church (2:9-10)

- Adorn yourself with **modest** dress. (9)
 - Do not draw attention to **physical** beauty.
 - Do not draw attention to **worldly** wealth.
- Adore God through a **Christlike** demeanor. (10)

III. Paul Clarifies the Distinctive Roles of Men and Women in the Church (2:11-15)

- Paul gives two prohibitions for women in corporate worship. (11-12)
 - Silence- Women should not **teach** as elders/pastors in the church.
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- Remember two biblical truths:
 - God created men and women with equal **value**.
 - God created men and women with complementary **roles**...
 - In the **home**.
 - In the **church**.
- Paul gives two reasons why the church should be ordered this way. (13-14)
 - #1- God's **design** in creation: God gives authority to man. (13)
 - #2- Satan's **distortion** of creation: Man abdicates authority and woman assumes it. (14)
- There are two things we know for sure regarding women in the church: (15)
 - Women are **sanctified** as they glorify God in the distinct roles He has entrusted to them.
 - Women are **saved** not through the birth of a child but through the death of Christ.

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