

Sermon Notes for November 1, 2015

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3. as you will see in this text today, the ministry of women in the church is **NOT** about women’s ability but about women’s roles
 - a. smart women seem to be everywhere
 - b. high school classes – the “curve” usually led by girls
 - c. my wife and daughter

I. THE POSITIVE ATTITUDES OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

A. A WOMAN’S ATTITUDE OF SILENCE

Vs. 11 – “A woman should learn in **quietness** and submission.”

1. what silence is **NOT**
 - a. women, before you “blow a gasket,” you need to understand what this word, silence, means in the greek
 - b. it would be crazy to believe that, based on this translation, women should never, ever say a word in a worship service
 1. even though many translations use the word; quiet
 2. while the rest of the translations use the word; silence
 - c. the actual greek word for silence means more than merely to be quiet
 1. after all, look at
I Corinthians 11:4-5 – “Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. **And every woman who prays or prophesies** with her head uncovered dishonors her head--it is just as though her head were shaved.”
 2. **HOW IN THE WORLD COULD A WOMAN PROPHECY AND REMAIN QUIET IN THE CHURCH SERVICE?**
2. what silence **IS**
 - a. the word in the greek means:
 1. not meddling in another person’s affairs
 2. to remain calm
 3. to be peaceable
 - b. **HERE IS WHAT THIS WORD SILENCE MEANS:**
 1. as the worship service was going on, Paul was calling for men to lead the service
 2. and, at the same time, calling the women to “remain calm”
AND NOT EXPRESSING THEMSELVES OUT LOUD
 - c. **AND, PLEASE DON’T MISS THIS:** Paul called for women “to learn” in quietness

1. after Christianity began to grow, there was actually “a women’s liberation movement” in the church
 - a. the **Jewish view** of women
 1. the Jews did not allow women to attend the synagogue
 2. women were forbidden from learning about the Law of God
 3. the Jewish Rabbis believed that teaching women was to “cast their pearls to swine”
 4. the Jewish Talmud – “It would be better for the words of Torah to be burned than that they should be entrusted to a woman.”
 - b. the **Greek view** of women
 1. The typical Greek woman led a very confined life. She lived in her own quarters and did not even appear at meals.
 2. Greek woman would not appear on the street alone and never went to a public assembly.
2. the place of women actually began to radically change **because of the gospel** coming into the world
 - a. in calling women to learn, Paul used the greek word: manthano
 1. this is the word used to describe a “disciple”
 2. to learn; to understand, to increase one’s knowledge;
 3. to learn by use and practice
 4. the greek tense is a present active indicative; this suggested a continual learning by women
 - b. according to Paul:
 1. **EVERY** woman in the church was to learn the Word
 2. **EVERY** woman in the church had a spiritual gift that she was to use in ministry

B. A WOMAN’S ATTITUDE OF SUBMISSION

Vs. 11 – “A woman should learn in quietness and **full submission.**”

1. what submission is **NOT**:
 - a. well, here is “that word” again; submission
 - b. almost every time that I meet with a couple to be married, I ask the young woman what she thinks of the word; submission
 1. and, almost every time, she has a negative response
 2. especially on her face
 - c. the word submission **DOES NOT** mean:
 1. the woman is to be silent
 2. the woman is never to offer an opinion
 3. the woman is **ALWAYS** to let the man dominate;

2. what submission **IS**:
 - a. please realize that God created women to be man's helpmeet!
Genesis 2:18 – "The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."
 - b. **NOW; WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD GOD CREATE A WOMAN TO BE HER HUSBAND'S HELPMEEET IF SHE IS NEVER ALLOWED TO EXPRESS HER OPINION?**
 1. **this is how God made women!**
 - a. God made women **to be** man's helpmeet!
 1. even though man was created perfectly, man still needed a companion
 2. so; God created woman; with a God-ordained
 - a. internal desire to support her husband
 - b. desire to communicate, and be personal with her husband
 - c. emotional ability to care deeply about her husband's needs
 - d. intuition to help her husband to make good decisions!
 3. so; let me ask you again: **WHY** would God create woman to be man's helpmeet and **NOT ALLOW HER TO SPEAK?**
 - b. **THE MAN "NEEDS" FOR THE WOMAN TO SPEAK TO HIM ABOUT EVERYTHING!**
 2. **but**, because of all of woman's desires, emotions and opinions, Paul says that the woman is to be calm; to be at peace; while she is in the worship service
 - c. please note that submission is **NOT** the same as obedience
 1. while Paul calls children to "obey" their parents, Paul calls women to "submit" to their husbands
 - a. in the family unit, children are less than, less powerful, and **must** obey their parents
 - b. however, in a marriage, women can be more talented, more gifted and more competent than their husbands, but must make the decision to submit
 1. let me ask you a question about this "dirty word; submission: Did Jesus Christ "submit" to His Heavenly Father?
 2. was it Jesus "the same as" His Heavenly Father?
 2. what Paul is saying in this word, submission, is this:
 - a. to the competent, gifted, able woman is the church
 - b. Paul is asking these competent and gifted women not to shout out, control and demand that you be heard while you are in worship under the preaching of the Word of God

II. The NEGATIVE ACTION OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Vs. 12 – “I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.”

A. A Woman Is NOT TO TEACH A MAN

1. the **perspective** of Biblical teaching
 - a. the greek word, **didasko**, seems to speak of teaching, but teaching in a public, even authoritative setting
 - b. it actually suggests teaching in:
 1. a worship service
 2. or large group of men and women
 - c. the sense of this greek word is that this kind of teaching is:
 1. “official”
 2. somewhat formal
 3. organized
2. the **place** of Biblical teaching
 - a. this is where this issue of women in ministry can get very confusing
 1. for, many in the PCA, allow women “to do anything that an unordained man can do”
 2. that is **not** my view
 - a. Sunday School classes of women teaching men on a consistent basis
 - b. long term seminars or training of women teaching men
 - b. however, please let me remind you of the story of Apollos
Acts 18:26 – “He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. **When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.**”
 1. although Apollos was a very competent Preacher, two women spent some time with him and “instructed” him about the baptism of the Holy Spirit
 2. in this case, however, it was not in a public forum but in a private conversation
 3. what a **shame** it would be that a wise, Godly woman would **never** be able to help guide a Pastor or any other man
 - a. my mother
 - b. wise, Godly women that spoke and taught me during my ministry
 1. my mother-in-law
 2. my aunt
 3. my wife
 4. my daughter

B. A Woman IS NOT TO BE IN AUTHORITY OVER A MAN

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1. this phrase, “or to have authority over a man” is critical to understand what Paul is saying to women
2. for, these two words; “to teach or have authority over a man” seem to go together
3. for, if the man is called by God to be the one in authority in the Pastoral ministry, how can **THE MAN AND THE WOMAN BOTH BE IN AUTHORITY AT THE SAME TIME?**
 - a. please know that there is no record in all of the Scripture of women holding a permanent office of ministry
 1. yes, there have been some women who held the office of prophetess, “for a season” but not for a permanent office
 2. **John MacArthur** –
 - a. **regarding the Old Testament** - “No women served as Priests. None of the authors of the Old Testament were women. No woman had an on-going prophetic ministry like that of Elijah, Elisha, or the other prophets.”
 - b. **regarding the New Testament** - “There were no women Pastor-teachers, evangelists, or elders in the New Testament. None of the authors of the New Testament were women. The New Testament nowhere records a sermon or teaching of a woman.”
 - b. therefore, it seems clear to me, based on this text in I Timothy, that men are to be:
 1. the permanent, public Preacher and teacher of the Word of God in the public assembly of the church
 2. now, please know that I am not going to worry much about being a policeman about every other situation where women are teaching

III. The BIBLICAL APOLOGETIC OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

A. The ORDER OF CREATION

Vs. 13 – “**For Adam was formed first**, then Eve.”

1. man was created **first**
 - a. for those who take the view that women **should be** preachers because this text is referring to a cultural issue;
 1. that Ephesus was a patriarchal, or “man-based society;”
 2. that Paul was a chauvinist; a man who grew up a Jewish, man-centered culture
 - b. **IF THIS IS MERELY CULTURAL, WHAT DO YOU DO WITH VERSE 13?**
 1. the word, for, is the greek word: **gar**
 - a. for
 - b. because of

2. in other words; **THE FIRST REASON** that Paul says that women are not to teach or hold authority over a man is **THE ORDER OF CREATION: THIS IS HOW GOD CREATED MAN AND WOMAN IN THE BEGINNING!**
 - a. BEFORE THE CHURCH EVER BEGAN
 - b. man's leadership in the church AND the home was established when man was first created in the Garden
 - c. the word, first; is the greek word: **proto**
 1. prototype
 2. first
 - c. based on this text in **I Timothy 2, MAN'S LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH AND THE HOME HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CULTURE:**
 1. it has to do with God's initial plan and creation of the home
 2. that God initially created and equipped man to lead FROM THE BEGINNING!
 - a. to be the initiator
 - b. to be the driver
 - c. to have a mind and a heart to lead
2. and woman was created **second**
 - a. in fact, the Hebrew reveals this even in the names of man and woman in **Genesis 2:23** – “The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, **for she was taken out of man.**”
 1. Ish – man
 2. Ishah – woman; to be made “out of” man
 - b. **WHEN WOMEN WANT TO LEAD, CONTROL AND HAVE AUTHORITY OVER MEN IN THE CHURCH OR HOME, IT IS NOT HOW GOD CREATED MAN AND WOMAN!**
 - c. so, why was the woman created “after the man”?
 1. the message is “physical”
 - a. the woman is created “of” the man
 - b. the woman is created “from” the man
 2. the message **is** spiritual
 - a. the woman is to be “by his side”
 - b. **Matthew Henry** – “The woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam, not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected and near his heart to be loved.”

B. The ORDER OF THE FALL

Vs. 14 – “And Adam was not the one deceived; **it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner.**”

1. the **SECOND** reason that God calls men to be leaders in the home and the church is because of the “**ORDER OF THE FALL**”
 - a. for, while man was created “first”

- b. the woman was the “first” to fall into sin
 - 1. AND BECAUSE woman was the first one to fall into sin and disobey God
 - 2. part of the curse of the woman, from that point on, was to be under the authority of man
 - 3. now, let me give you more “good news” about woman’s call to be under men’s authority because of her sins
 - a. Genesis 3:16 expresses this result of the fall of woman with sin that “explains” the curse on her
Genesis 3:16 – “To the woman He said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. **Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.**"
 - b. so, yes, man **was** created first “to be the leader of the home; but, because of the curse **WOMEN WILL WANT TO BE THE LEADER**” OF THE HOME. . .
- 2. so, now, you can see the inevitable “struggle” that can often happen in the home and the church
 - a. now, let me say that so many of the problems between a husband and wife can be solved by men being Godly leaders
 - 1. I have never met a woman who minds being led by:
 - a. a Godly, compassionate, considerate, thoughtful, loving husband and man
 - b. my experience with pre-marital counseling; “oh, I would not mind submitting to that kind of a man.”
 - c. **T. Sims** – Hidden Keys to Loving Relationships
 - 2. on the other hand, when men attempt to boss, control and demand of women; women will explode
 - a. I call this the “spring-loaded mechanism”
 - b. so, what the church and the home needs are Godly, considerate, loving husbands and leaders
 - b. so, we may say that what is really wrong with the church is a lack of Godly, gracious men who want to lead like Jesus!

IV. THE BIBLICAL AFFIRMATION OF THE WOMAN IN THE CHURCH

A. The POWER OF WOMAN IN THE CHURCH

Vs. 15 – “**But women will be saved through childbearing**--if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.”

- 1. oh, boy, Paul continues to “pile it on”; doesn’t he?
- 2. **SO, WHAT DOES PAUL MEAN HERE?**
 - a. it may seem to many that it is rather obvious that Paul is a “male, chauvinist pig”
 - 1. because it looks like Paul is suggesting that all that women are good for is to be “barefoot and pregnant”
 - 2. all that women are good for is to be quiet, at home, having babies and serving as slaves to their idiot husbands!

- b. is Paul really saying that women will be “saved by having children?”
 1. no, because some women have died **as** they gave birth to children
 2. and; how would this apply to all of the women who have never had a child?
3. after much study on this verse, this is “what I think” that Paul is saying to women:
 - a. first of all, let me state the obvious; only women can give birth to children; man cannot do that
 - b. and, those women who give birth to children are given a special gift, a special talent, to care for, relate to and raise their children
 1. mothers have special gifts that men do not have
 2. the nurture, the care, the time, the relational skills
 - c. **THUS, MOTHERS HAVE ONE OF THE GRANDEST, MOST NOBLE, MOST CRITICAL, MOST WONDERFUL TASKS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN IN THE LORD!**
 1. mothers have been gifted by God to make the greatest spiritual impact on their children; more than any other person that they will ever meet
 2. quotes:
 - a. **Dorothy Patterson** – “Few women realize what great service they are doing for mankind and for the kingdom of Christ when they provide a shelter for the family and good mothering—**the foundation on which all else is built.** A mother builds something far more magnificent than any cathedral—the dwelling place for an immortal soul.”
 - b. **Ibid** - “No one, not teachers, Preachers, or Psychologists – has the same opportunity to mold minds, nurture bodies and develop potential usefulness like a mother!”
 - c. **John Piper** – “My mother taught me how to cut the grass and splice electric cord and pull bermuda grass by the roots and paint the eaves and shine the dining-room table with a shammy and drive a car and keep french fries from getting soggy in the cooking oil. She helped me with the maps in geography and showed me how to do a bibliography and work up a science project on static electricity and believe that algebra II was possible. She dealt with the contractors when we added a basement and, more than once, put her hand to the shovel. It never occurred to me that there was anything she couldn’t do.”

- d. **Napoleon** – when asked what could be done to restore the prestige of France, he replied, “Give us better mothers!”
- e. **John MacArthur** – “Paul’s point is that while a woman may have led the race into sin, women have the privilege of leading the race out of sin into godliness.”
- f. ASK people who has influenced them the most in their lives. . .for most; it will be their mother.

B. The PROMISE TO WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Vs. 15 – “But women will be saved through childbearing--if they **continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.**”

1. the woman is to continue in **faith**
 - a. if you are to be “this kind of mother,” walk with Jesus every day
 - b. may your faith continue to blossom **because you** are in the Word of God each and every day
 - c. don’t tell me that you don’t have time to do this
 1. Susanna Wesley had 17 children and spent an hour each day reading God’s Word and praying for each of her children
 2. your effectiveness as a mother depends upon this
2. the woman is to continue in **love**
 1. of **all** of the attitudes that Paul could have called women to, it is love!
 2. this is the greek word, agape
 - a. the only time that this greek word is used is in Scripture
 - b. this kind of love only comes from God
 - b. you show me a woman who is filled with the unconditional, agape love of God and I will show you a woman:
 1. who loves the Lord
 2. who loves her children who love to serve God in any and every situation that she can serve
3. the woman is to continue in **holiness**
 - a. lastly, Paul calls the Godly mother to a life of holiness
 1. now, mothers you cannot just “decide” to be holy
 2. only Jesus can “make you” holy
 3. so, this speaks of a woman who is always seeking the presence of Jesus
 - b. mothers need to be **as concerned** about their own spiritual growth as they are of their children’s success in
 1. school
 2. sports
 3. relationships

- c. in actuality, mothers, be MORE concerned about your children's spiritual growth than their success as a student or athlete
 - 1. mothers, your children will learn from you what is important in life
 - 2. if your priority is not holiness, they will CLEARLY see that in your life.

Conclusion

1. Let me say a word **to the women:**
 - a. **PLEASE DO NOT EVER LOOK AT YOURSELF AS ANYTHING BUT A BLESSING TO YOUR FAMILY AND TO THE CHURCH**
 1. you are gifted, you are special and you have great opportunities to serve in the church!
 2. or, why did God give you a spiritual gift to serve Him?
 - b. **THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE MOTHERS; DON'T OVERLOOK THE GREATEST AND MOST CRITICAL TASK THAT YOU HAVE AS A MOTHER**
 1. you, often more than your husband, are preparing your children to go out into the world and make a difference for the Kingdom of God
 2. so, pour yourself into the lives of your children; **spiritually**
2. Let me say a word **to the men:**
 - a. **STEP UP TO THE PLATE!**
 1. **do not** abdicate your rightful place as the spiritual leader of your home
 - a. this is what God created **you**, as men, to do!
 - b. do not defer your rightful task of leading your family to the ministry staff or to your wife!
 2. don't require your wife to lead your home spiritually because you will not do it
 - b. you, as men, were created **first** by God, to **BE THE SPIRITUAL LEADER OF YOUR HOME**
 1. don't cause your wife to have to fulfill the job you were created and called by God to do
 2. "show" and "model" to your wife and children how to be the man who leads your family so that she does not have to
3. Women; instead of thinking of what you cannot do in ministry, learn from the Apostle Paul how "involved" you **can be** in ministry
Philippians 4:2-3 – "I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women **who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel**, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life."
 - a. Paul uses the greek word, sunathleo
 1. sun
 - a. with
 - b. to accompany
 - c. to be in the same place with a person

2. athleo
 - a. from where we get the word: athlete
 - b. to engage in a contest
 - c. to endure; to suffer
 - d. to fight
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 - b. **Jon S.** – “Without the ministry of women, the church would collapse.”
3. as you will see in this text today, the ministry of women in the church is **NOT** about women’s ability but about women’s roles
 - a. smart women seem to be everywhere
 - b. high school classes – the “curve” usually led by girls
 - c. my wife and daughter

I. THE POSITIVE ATTITUDES OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

A. A WOMAN’S ATTITUDE OF SILENCE

Vs. 11 – “A woman should learn in **quietness** and submission.”

1. what silence is **NOT**
 - a. women, before you “blow a gasket,” you need to understand what this word, silence, means in the greek
 - b. it would be crazy to believe that, based on this translation, women should never, ever say a word in a worship service
 1. even though many translations use the word; quiet
 2. while the rest of the translations use the word; silence
 - c. the actual greek word for silence means more than merely to be quiet
 1. after all, look at
I Corinthians 11:4-5 – “Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. **And every woman who prays or prophesies** with her head uncovered dishonors her head--it is just as though her head were shaved.”
 2. **HOW IN THE WORLD COULD A WOMAN PROPHECY AND REMAIN QUIET IN THE CHURCH SERVICE?**
2. what silence **IS**
 - a. the word in the greek means:
 1. not meddling in another person’s affairs
 2. to remain calm
 3. to be peaceable
 - b. **HERE IS WHAT THIS WORD SILENCE MEANS:**
 1. as the worship service was going on, Paul was calling for men to lead the service
 2. and, at the same time, calling the women to “remain calm”
AND NOT EXPRESSING THEMSELVES OUT LOUD
 - c. **AND, PLEASE DON’T MISS THIS:** Paul called for women “to learn” in quietness

1. after Christianity began to grow, there was actually “a women’s liberation movement” in the church
 - a. the **Jewish view** of women
 1. the Jews did not allow women to attend the synagogue
 2. women were forbidden from learning about the Law of God
 3. the Jewish Rabbis believed that teaching women was to “cast their pearls to swine”
 4. the Jewish Talmud – “It would be better for the words of Torah to be burned than that they should be entrusted to a woman.”
 - b. the **Greek view** of women
 1. The typical Greek woman led a very confined life. She lived in her own quarters and did not even appear at meals.
 2. Greek woman would not appear on the street alone and never went to a public assembly.
2. the place of women actually began to radically change **because of the gospel** coming into the world
 - a. in calling women to learn, Paul used the greek word: manthano
 1. this is the word used to describe a “disciple”
 2. to learn; to understand, to increase one’s knowledge;
 3. to learn by use and practice
 4. the greek tense is a present active indicative; this suggested a continual learning by women
 - b. according to Paul:
 1. **EVERY** woman in the church was to learn the Word
 2. **EVERY** woman in the church had a spiritual gift that she was to use in ministry

B. A WOMAN’S ATTITUDE OF SUBMISSION

Vs. 11 – “A woman should learn in quietness and **full submission.**”

1. what submission is **NOT**:
 - a. well, here is “that word” again; submission
 - b. almost every time that I meet with a couple to be married, I ask the young woman what she thinks of the word; submission
 1. and, almost every time, she has a negative response
 2. especially on her face
 - c. the word submission **DOES NOT** mean:
 1. the woman is to be silent
 2. the woman is never to offer an opinion
 3. the woman is **ALWAYS** to let the man dominate;

2. what submission **IS**:
 - a. please realize that God created women to be man's helpmeet!
Genesis 2:18 – "The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."
 - b. **NOW; WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD GOD CREATE A WOMAN TO BE HER HUSBAND'S HELPMET IF SHE IS NEVER ALLOWED TO EXPRESS HER OPINION?**
 1. **this is how God made women!**
 - a. God made women **to be** man's helpmeet!
 1. even though man was created perfectly, man still needed a companion
 2. so; God created woman; with a God-ordained
 - a. internal desire to support her husband
 - b. desire to communicate, and be personal with her husband
 - c. emotional ability to care deeply about her husband's needs
 - d. intuition to help her husband to make good decisions!
 3. so; let me ask you again: **WHY** would God create woman to be man's helpmeet and **NOT ALLOW HER TO SPEAK?**
 - b. **THE MAN "NEEDS" FOR THE WOMAN TO SPEAK TO HIM ABOUT EVERYTHING!**
 2. **but**, because of all of woman's desires, emotions and opinions, Paul says that the woman is to be calm; to be at peace; while she is in the worship service
 - c. please note that submission is **NOT** the same as obedience
 1. while Paul calls children to "obey" their parents, Paul calls women to "submit" to their husbands
 - a. in the family unit, children are less than, less powerful, and **must** obey their parents
 - b. however, in a marriage, women can be more talented, more gifted and more competent than their husbands, but must make the decision to submit
 1. let me ask you a question about this "dirty word; submission: Did Jesus Christ "submit" to His Heavenly Father?
 2. was it Jesus "the same as" His Heavenly Father?
 2. what Paul is saying in this word, submission, is this:
 - a. to the competent, gifted, able woman is the church
 - b. Paul is asking these competent and gifted women not to shout out, control and demand that you be heard while you are in worship under the preaching of the Word of God

II. The NEGATIVE ACTION OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Vs. 12 – “I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.”

A. A Woman Is NOT TO TEACH A MAN

1. the **perspective** of Biblical teaching
 - a. the greek word, **didasko**, seems to speak of teaching, but teaching in a public, even authoritative setting
 - b. it actually suggests teaching in:
 1. a worship service
 2. or large group of men and women
 - c. the sense of this greek word is that this kind of teaching is:
 1. “official”
 2. somewhat formal
 3. organized
2. the **place** of Biblical teaching
 - a. this is where this issue of women in ministry can get very confusing
 1. for, many in the PCA, allow women “to do anything that an unordained man can do”
 2. that is **not** my view
 - a. Sunday School classes of women teaching men on a consistent basis
 - b. long term seminars or training of women teaching men
 - b. however, please let me remind you of the story of Apollos
Acts 18:26 – “He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. **When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.**”
 1. although Apollos was a very competent Preacher, two women spent some time with him and “instructed” him about the baptism of the Holy Spirit
 2. in this case, however, it was not in a public forum but in a private conversation
 3. what a **shame** it would be that a wise, Godly woman would **never** be able to help guide a Pastor or any other man
 - a. my mother
 - b. wise, Godly women that spoke and taught me during my ministry
 1. my mother-in-law
 2. my aunt
 3. my wife
 4. my daughter

B. A Woman IS NOT TO BE IN AUTHORITY OVER A MAN

Vs. 12 – “I do not permit a woman to teach **or to have authority over a man**; she must be silent.”

1. this phrase, “or to have authority over a man” is critical to understand what Paul is saying to women
2. for, these two words; “to teach or have authority over a man” seem to go together
3. for, if the man is called by God to be the one in authority in the Pastoral ministry, how can **THE MAN AND THE WOMAN BOTH BE IN AUTHORITY AT THE SAME TIME?**
 - a. please know that there is no record in all of the Scripture of women holding a permanent office of ministry
 1. yes, there have been some women who held the office of prophetess, “for a season” but not for a permanent office
 2. **John MacArthur** –
 - a. **regarding the Old Testament** - “No women served as Priests. None of the authors of the Old Testament were women. No woman had an on-going prophetic ministry like that of Elijah, Elisha, or the other prophets.”
 - b. **regarding the New Testament** - “There were no women Pastor-teachers, evangelists, or elders in the New Testament. None of the authors of the New Testament were women. The New Testament nowhere records a sermon or teaching of a woman.”
 - b. therefore, it seems clear to me, based on this text in I Timothy, that men are to be:
 1. the permanent, public Preacher and teacher of the Word of God in the public assembly of the church
 2. now, please know that I am not going to worry much about being a policeman about every other situation where women are teaching

III. The BIBLICAL APOLOGETIC OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

A. The ORDER OF CREATION

Vs. 13 – “**For Adam was formed first**, then Eve.”

1. man was created **first**
 - a. for those who take the view that women **should be** preachers because this text is referring to a cultural issue;
 1. that Ephesus was a patriarchal, or “man-based society;”
 2. that Paul was a chauvinist; a man who grew up a Jewish, man-centered culture
 - b. **IF THIS IS MERELY CULTURAL, WHAT DO YOU DO WITH VERSE 13?**
 1. the word, for, is the greek word: **gar**
 - a. for
 - b. because of

2. in other words; **THE FIRST REASON** that Paul says that women are not to teach or hold authority over a man is **THE ORDER OF CREATION: THIS IS HOW GOD CREATED MAN AND WOMAN IN THE BEGINNING!**
 - a. BEFORE THE CHURCH EVER BEGAN
 - b. man's leadership in the church AND the home was established when man was first created in the Garden
 - c. the word, first; is the greek word: **proto**
 1. prototype
 2. first
 - c. based on this text in **I Timothy 2, MAN'S LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH AND THE HOME HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CULTURE:**
 1. it has to do with God's initial plan and creation of the home
 2. that God initially created and equipped man to lead FROM THE BEGINNING!
 - a. to be the initiator
 - b. to be the driver
 - c. to have a mind and a heart to lead
2. and woman was created **second**
 - a. in fact, the Hebrew reveals this even in the names of man and woman in **Genesis 2:23** – “The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called woman, **for she was taken out of man.**”
 1. Ish – man
 2. Ishah – woman; to be made “out of” man
 - b. **WHEN WOMEN WANT TO LEAD, CONTROL AND HAVE AUTHORITY OVER MEN IN THE CHURCH OR HOME, IT IS NOT HOW GOD CREATED MAN AND WOMAN!**
 - c. so, why was the woman created “after the man”?
 1. the message is “physical”
 - a. the woman is created “of” the man
 - b. the woman is created “from” the man
 2. the message **is** spiritual
 - a. the woman is to be “by his side”
 - b. **Matthew Henry** – “The woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam, not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected and near his heart to be loved.”

B. The ORDER OF THE FALL

Vs. 14 – “And Adam was not the one deceived; **it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner.**”

1. the **SECOND** reason that God calls men to be leaders in the home and the church is because of the **“ORDER OF THE FALL”**
 - a. for, while man was created “first”

- b. the woman was the “first” to fall into sin
 - 1. AND BECAUSE woman was the first one to fall into sin and disobey God
 - 2. part of the curse of the woman, from that point on, was to be under the authority of man
 - 3. now, let me give you more “good news” about woman’s call to be under men’s authority because of her sins
 - a. Genesis 3:16 expresses this result of the fall of woman with sin that “explains” the curse on her
Genesis 3:16 – “To the woman He said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. **Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.**"
 - b. so, yes, man **was** created first “to be the leader of the home; but, because of the curse **WOMEN WILL WANT TO BE THE LEADER**” OF THE HOME. . .
- 2. so, now, you can see the inevitable “struggle” that can often happen in the home and the church
 - a. now, let me say that so many of the problems between a husband and wife can be solved by men being Godly leaders
 - 1. I have never met a woman who minds being led by:
 - a. a Godly, compassionate, considerate, thoughtful, loving husband and man
 - b. my experience with pre-marital counseling; “oh, I would not mind submitting to that kind of a man.”
 - c. **T. Sims** – Hidden Keys to Loving Relationships
 - 2. on the other hand, when men attempt to boss, control and demand of women; women will explode
 - a. I call this the “spring-loaded mechanism”
 - b. so, what the church and the home needs are Godly, considerate, loving husbands and leaders
 - b. so, we may say that what is really wrong with the church is a lack of Godly, gracious men who want to lead like Jesus!

IV. THE BIBLICAL AFFIRMATION OF THE WOMAN IN THE CHURCH

A. The POWER OF WOMAN IN THE CHURCH

Vs. 15 – “**But women will be saved through childbearing**--if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.”

- 1. oh, boy, Paul continues to “pile it on”; doesn’t he?
- 2. **SO, WHAT DOES PAUL MEAN HERE?**
 - a. it may seem to many that it is rather obvious that Paul is a “male, chauvinist pig”
 - 1. because it looks like Paul is suggesting that all that women are good for is to be “barefoot and pregnant”
 - 2. all that women are good for is to be quiet, at home, having babies and serving as slaves to their idiot husbands!

- b. is Paul really saying that women will be “saved by having children?”
 1. no, because some women have died **as** they gave birth to children
 2. and; how would this apply to all of the women who have never had a child?
3. after much study on this verse, this is “what I think” that Paul is saying to women:
 - a. first of all, let me state the obvious; only women can give birth to children; man cannot do that
 - b. and, those women who give birth to children are given a special gift, a special talent, to care for, relate to and raise their children
 1. mothers have special gifts that men do not have
 2. the nurture, the care, the time, the relational skills
 - c. **THUS, MOTHERS HAVE ONE OF THE GRANDEST, MOST NOBLE, MOST CRITICAL, MOST WONDERFUL TASKS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN IN THE LORD!**
 1. mothers have been gifted by God to make the greatest spiritual impact on their children; more than any other person that they will ever meet
 2. quotes:
 - a. **Dorothy Patterson** – “Few women realize what great service they are doing for mankind and for the kingdom of Christ when they provide a shelter for the family and good mothering—the **foundation on which all else is built**. A mother builds something far more magnificent than any cathedral—the dwelling place for an immortal soul.”
 - b. **Ibid** - “No one, not teachers, Preachers, or Psychologists – has the same opportunity to mold minds, nurture bodies and develop potential usefulness like a mother!”
 - c. **John Piper** – “My mother taught me how to cut the grass and splice electric cord and pull bermuda grass by the roots and paint the eaves and shine the dining-room table with a shammy and drive a car and keep french fries from getting soggy in the cooking oil. She helped me with the maps in geography and showed me how to do a bibliography and work up a science project on static electricity and believe that algebra II was possible. She dealt with the contractors when we added a basement and, more than once, put her hand to the shovel. It never occurred to me that there was anything she couldn’t do.”

- d. **Napoleon** – when asked what could be done to restore the prestige of France, he replied, “Give us better mothers!”
- e. **John MacArthur** – “Paul’s point is that while a woman may have led the race into sin, women have the privilege of leading the race out of sin into godliness.”
- f. ASK people who has influenced them the most in their lives. . .for most; it will be their mother.

B. The PROMISE TO WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Vs. 15 – “But women will be saved through childbearing--if they **continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.**”

1. the woman is to continue in **faith**
 - a. if you are to be “this kind of mother,” walk with Jesus every day
 - b. may your faith continue to blossom **because you** are in the Word of God each and every day
 - c. don’t tell me that you don’t have time to do this
 1. Susanna Wesley had 17 children and spent an hour each day reading God’s Word and praying for each of her children
 2. your effectiveness as a mother depends upon this
2. the woman is to continue in **love**
 1. of **all** of the attitudes that Paul could have called women to, it is love!
 2. this is the greek word, agape
 - a. the only time that this greek word is used is in Scripture
 - b. this kind of love only comes from God
 - b. you show me a woman who is filled with the unconditional, agape love of God and I will show you a woman:
 1. who loves the Lord
 2. who loves her children who love to serve God in any and every situation that she can serve
3. the woman is to continue in **holiness**
 - a. lastly, Paul calls the Godly mother to a life of holiness
 1. now, mothers you cannot just “decide” to be holy
 2. only Jesus can “make you” holy
 3. so, this speaks of a woman who is always seeking the presence of Jesus
 - b. mothers need to be **as concerned** about their own spiritual growth as they are of their children’s success in
 1. school
 2. sports
 3. relationships

- c. in actuality, mothers, be MORE concerned about your children's spiritual growth than their success as a student or athlete
 - 1. mothers, your children will learn from you what is important in life
 - 2. if your priority is not holiness, they will CLEARLY see that in your life.

Conclusion

1. Let me say a word **to the women:**
 - a. **PLEASE DO NOT EVER LOOK AT YOURSELF AS ANYTHING BUT A BLESSING TO YOUR FAMILY AND TO THE CHURCH**
 1. you are gifted, you are special and you have great opportunities to serve in the church!
 2. or, why did God give you a spiritual gift to serve Him?
 - b. **THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE MOTHERS; DON'T OVERLOOK THE GREATEST AND MOST CRITICAL TASK THAT YOU HAVE AS A MOTHER**
 1. you, often more than your husband, are preparing your children to go out into the world and make a difference for the Kingdom of God
 2. so, pour yourself into the lives of your children; **spiritually**
2. Let me say a word **to the men:**
 - a. **STEP UP TO THE PLATE!**
 1. **do not** abdicate your rightful place as the spiritual leader of your home
 - a. this is what God created **you**, as men, to do!
 - b. do not defer your rightful task of leading your family to the ministry staff or to your wife!
 2. don't require your wife to lead your home spiritually because you will not do it
 - b. you, as men, were created **first** by God, to BE THE SPIRITUAL LEADER OF YOUR HOME
 1. don't cause your wife to have to fulfill the job you were created and called by God to do
 2. "show" and "model" to your wife and children how to be the man who leads your family so that she does not have to
3. Women; instead of thinking of what you cannot do in ministry, learn from the Apostle Paul how "involved" you **can be** in ministry

Philippians 4:2-3 – "I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women **who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel**, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life."

 - a. Paul uses the greek word, sunathleo
 1. sun
 - a. with
 - b. to accompany
 - c. to be in the same place with a person

2. athleo
 - a. from where we get the word: athlete
 - b. to engage in a contest
 - c. to endure; to suffer
 - d. to fight
- b. Paul uses the greek word: moi
 1. with
 2. me
- c. in the gospel
 1. euangellion
 2. with the good news of salvation in Jesus