

SAFEGUARDING THE ROLE OF WOMEN – 1 TIMOTHY 2:9-15

True biblical Christianity has done more to magnify the _____ of women than any other religion or institution in history. Instead of mocking or criticizing the scriptures, women should be thankful to the Lord for blessing them with such a wonderful status in society, the church, and the home. Procreation aside, the responsibility a woman plays is so _____ the human race could not survive without them. In today's text the role of the ideal woman is outlined for the express purpose of bringing _____ and _____ to the local church, ensuring its proper function and success.

1. The ideal woman will guard her testimony – 1 Timothy 2:9-10; Is. 3:16-26; 1 Peter 3:3-4

a. Protect your _____ – verse 9a

- *In like manner* – refers to the prayerful posture and character of the petitioner – verse 8
 Holy hands... without wrath... without doubting...
- Modest – proper, restrained by a sense of decency, not forward or bold; not presumptuous or arrogant; not extravagant or excessive
- Modest apparel does not draw attention to your body or accentuate particular parts of the body
- Modest apparel is always dressing appropriate for the occasion

b. Protect your purity – verse 9b

- Shamefacedness – bashfulness, a quality of mind often visible in countenance and external expressions; a face that is _____ aggressively or boldly attempting to attract attention
- Sobriety – a peaceful seriousness, not sad or depressed but stable and sound; a _____ mind, not shallow or ditzzy (foolishly silly)
- Let your beauty be emphasized by your character not simply by your outward appearance

c. Protect your behavior – verse 10

- Let your _____ _____ define your beauty

2. The ideal woman will guard her emotions - 1 Timothy 2:11-15

a. Practice _____ – you are vulnerable – verses 11-12

- Learn in silence with all subjection

She is to quietly and in a subdued manner receive preaching, teaching and biblical instruction

If she has an objection or needs more clarification, she is to ask her husband (1 Cor. 14:34-35); if she has no husband—ask her father or brother, another woman or teacher or pastor

- A woman is not to be a public teacher of men or male leadership

This does not mean women are forbidden to teach publicly in any capacity, just that she cannot usurp the authority of the pastor(s), deacon(s), or another respective male leader

- Nor is she to usurp authority over the man (in the context it is male leadership – 1 Tim. 3:1-13)

She is to be a good follower in the local church

b. Practice caution – you are _____ – verses 13-15

- Some of Paul's writings are hard to understand – 2 Peter 3:15-16

- Because you are vulnerable God made the man first – verse 13

The husband has the role of headship over his wife

The husband was made from the ground, the same as the beasts of the field – Gen 2:7, 19

The woman was made from the part of man that protected his vital organs – Gen. 2:21-22

Men and women were created to be _____ for their success and benefit

- Your vulnerability is deception – verse 14; Gen. 3:16b

The woman's offense was _____ the fall of mankind, that was Adam's fault (Ro. 5:12); the woman's transgression was being _____ by the serpent

This problem has been passed along throughout time. Although there are always some exceptions, women are more susceptible to lies and falsehoods, to counterfeits and imitations than are men

- Your most vulnerable time is during the childbearing process – verse 15; Gen. 3:16a

This is when your hormones and emotions are high and low, up and down. Postpartum depression is not a new problem, this has been going on throughout history...

You will be delivered (saved) from this vulnerability if _____ (and _____ husband) continue in:

Faith – believing and acting upon the word and words of God

Charity – giving to one another, to God and others, without expectations

Holiness – having moral purity, integrity and character

Sobriety – state of being sober minded, even-keeled, balanced