

**Men, Women & Families in the Church:** We believe the Bible clearly teaches men (lost or saved) are to rule their homes and be their wives head, just as Christ is to be mans head. This places direct responsibility on men to lead their families in spiritual matters!..... It is not the place of any man in the church to give individual spiritual instruction or counsel to any woman other than his own wife. If this is needed or desired, it is the responsibly of the elder women of the church to do so!..... Christendom as a whole has disregarded these instructions. As a result husbands and fathers usually allow other men (often pastors) to become their families' spiritual head.

**Genesis 3:13** And the LORD **God said unto the woman**, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. (14) And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: (15) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. (16) **Unto the woman he said**, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; **and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.**

**NOTE:** This applies to all mankind, nature proves this also.. This is amazing!!

**1 Peter 2:16** As free, and not using *your* liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. (17) Honour all *men*. Love the brotherhood. **Fear God**. Honour the king. (18) **Servants, be subject** to *your* masters with **all fear**; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. (19) For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. (20) For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? **but if**, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. (21) For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: (22) Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: (23) Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously: (24) Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. (25) For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.....**1 Peter 3:1** Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives: (2) While **they** behold your chaste conversation **coupled with fear.** (3) Whose adorning let it not be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; (4) But *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. (5) **For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:** (6) Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord; whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. (7) Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; **that your prayers be not hindered.**

**((NOT CONDITIONAL TODAY, but the principles transcend ..))**

**Lost or saved, husbands are to be the head..**

Pro 1:8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother:  
Pro 4:1 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding.

Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. (2) Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) (3) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. (4) **And, ye fathers**, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ. (2) Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered *them* to you. (3) But I would have you know, that **the head of every man is Christ**; and **the head of the woman is the man**; and **the head of Christ is God**.

1 Corinthians 14:21 In the law it is written, With *men of* other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord. (22) Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: .....(27) If any **man** speak in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by three*, and *that* by course; and let one interpret. (28) But if there be no interpreter, let **him** keep silence in the church; and let **him** speak to himself, and to God. (29) Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. (30) If *any thing* be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. (31) For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. (32) And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. (33) For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. (34) **Let your women keep silence in the churches**: for it is **not permitted unto them to speak**; but *they are commanded* to be **under obedience**, **as also** saith the law. (35) **And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church**. (36) What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? (37) If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, **let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord**. (38) But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant. (39) Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. (40) Let all things be done decently and in order.

**LET** 1. To give permission or opportunity to; allow: 2. To cause to; make:

- Some say this is about women speaking in tongues ONLY...
- Yes I do believe it instructs them to not speak in tongues.
- **BUT**.... It's also clearly about women being reframed from engaging in questions with **other men** in the church **other than her OWN husband** as well!!

1 Timothy 2:7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, *and* lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. (8) I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. (9) In like manner also, **that women** adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; (10) **But** (which becometh women professing godliness) **with good works**. (11) **Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection**. (12) **But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence**. (13) For Adam was first formed, then Eve. (14) And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

If Cor. **is only** about speaking in tongues THEN when so is Timothy! **NOT!!! EXPOUND!**

**Ephesians 5:19** Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; (20) Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; (21) Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. (22) **Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.** (23) **For the husband is the head of the wife,** even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. (24) Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, **so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.** (25) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (26) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, (27) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (28) So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. (29) For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: (30) For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. (31) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. (32) This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (33) Nevertheless let every one of you in particular **so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.**

**Colossians 3:13** Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye. (14) And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness. (15) And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. (16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. (17) And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. (18) **Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.** (19) Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. (20) Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. (21) Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

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**Titus 2:1** But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: (2) That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. (3) **The aged women** likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, **teachers of good things;** (4) That **they may teach the young women** to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, (5) **To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.** (6) Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. (7) In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

**1 Timothy 5:1** Rebuke not an elder, but intreat *him* as a father; *and* the younger men as brethren; (2) **((( intreat )))** The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity. (3) Honour widows that are widows indeed. (4) But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God. (5) Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. (6)

But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. (7) And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless. (8) But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. (9) Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man, (10) **Well reported** of for **good works**; **if she** have **brought up children**, **if she** have **lodged strangers**, **if she** have **washed the saints' feet**, **if she** have **relieved the afflicted**, **if she** have **diligently followed every good work**.

What about.... Deborah, the prophetess and other prophetesses...

**Exodus 15:19** For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry *land* in the midst of the sea. (20) And **Miriam the prophetess**, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; **and all the women went out after her** with timbrels and with dances. (21) And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

**Jeremiah 9:17** Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for cunning women, that they may come: (18) And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters. (19) For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast *us* out. (20) Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and **teach your daughters** wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation.

**Luke 2:36** And there was one **Anna, a prophetess**, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; (37) And she *was* a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. (38) And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

One must acknowledge that women were used **occasionally** in positions of leadership and tools of Gods instruction in the old testament.

And at the same time,... in Pauls dispensation of grace, we find **woman not given** those kinds of positions..

And we know in **Gal 3:28** there is neither male nor female in Christ Jesus.

This is not to say women are not less important then men.. Their faith, prayers, love, patient, carefulness, etc.etc. is nothing less then essential..

**Acts 18:18** And Paul *after this* tarried *there* yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn *his* head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow..... (24) And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, *and* mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. (25) This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the

spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. (26) And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, **they took him unto them** . **and expounded unto him the way** of God more perfectly. *NOTE: It would be inconsistent to believe she expounded..*

**Romans 16:1** I commend unto you **Phebe** our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: (2) That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. (3) Greet **Priscilla and Aquila** my helpers in Christ Jesus: (4) Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. (5) Likewise *greet* the church that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ. (6) Greet Mary, who bestowed **much labour** on us.

**Rom 16:27** To God only wise, *be* glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen. <Written to the Romans from Corinthus, **and sent by Phebe** servant of the church at Cenchrea.>

Please forgive me for not getting a less of more... These are just a few..

We believe women not used enough, the body of Christ..

I am proud of the ladies in this church, I love the fact that the men watch the nursery..

Women can talk better to women, always have always will...

They relate better to each other, men don't often get it...

This is not a theory, it is fact! The world recognizes this! *Do you think God knows this?*

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I believe a disregard for Gods instruction when it comes to this topic has reacked havoc on the NAME OF CHRIST...

Let me explain..

- Bishops, Deacons, "Pastors" are not to RULE your house, YOU ARE!! They have their own to rule..
- Women regarding other men (often pastors) as something great be on how they should regard them.. And she might have needs like attention, love, appreciation, leadership or guidance and understanding what she is not getting from her own husband. Which often "men at church" will give her as is often thought to be his job as pastor or just being a good brother!! These are "**snares of the devil**" I believe **BOTH never have wrong intentions at the start.**
- This is often what leads to emotional or even physical adultery..
- Pastors MUST RECONISE that woman ARE instructed to: ask ONLY questions of, reverence and honor their OWN husbands.....**own husbands 6 times... plus more** Gods word tells us over and over.... Why??
- We believe God has placed this doctrine in his word to help avoid Satans snares.

### What harm will this doctrinal position cause???

- Some women would not like it because they naturally, they want a man to lead.
- Pastors (hearing of this position) would resist it, because they "need" more recognition then this position offers..

If the lost (non attending) husband was taught or told (by this booklet) HE was going to remain HIS families head and NO ONE at our church would ever that that place, what would happen?

- The lost (non attending) husband at home after hearing this would be shocked. Never hearing of anything like this.... He **actually might not** be threatened by the men at the church, and even allow his wife to go, with the kids!!!
- The lost (non attending) husbands might be challenged to take some reasonability for their family.. BOTH WIFE AND KIDS.
- And if there be no husband, the **elder women** in the church are instructed to fulfill this need.

God has made us all,  
male and female to be a functioning living body  
to GREATLY used of Him!

I and we at Wadsworth Bible Fellowship don't believe we know everything about this topic, but do believe these are the roots of understanding it, as we know today....

It overwhelms me as to why so many others don't consider it as a very timely and important doctrinal position which has been proven, by our holding to it, yields peace and order for the church to day..

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