

**CONNECTION QUESTION**

How can a godly woman that chooses to focus on raising godly children impact a church for good and reach the lost around the world with the gospel?

REVIEW

How does the Chiastic structure (in the outline) help make sense of 1 Timothy 2:11-14? What misinterpretations does it avoid?

FURTHER STUDY

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-7. Paul's desire is that the entire world would know Jesus and be saved. If salvation reverses the curse, how should that be seen in the church and home in the relationship between men and women? What is at stake if we capitulate to the pressure of society and radical feminism and violate God's created order?

Some people think it is degrading for a woman to be called a suitable helper for her husband (Genesis 2:18). Who else in the Bible is called a helper? How does the Trinity model, equality, authority and submission? How does practical application of this in the church and family bring glory to God? (See Ephesians 5 + 6).



Many believe that the Fall caused women to seek to "control" their husbands (Genesis 3:16 cf. Genesis 4:7 – "desire"). What are some ways that women manipulate men to gain control over them? What biblical truths would help them overcome those desires?

In Genesis 3 Adam failed in his responsibility as leader by being passive. What are some ways that men can become passive in their relationship with their wives? On the other extreme, what are some ways that husbands might abuse their authority over their wives?

Some would say that women should be allowed to teach and exercise authority over men in the church because they are gifted (able; capable). Does ability always grant someone the right to do something? Read 1 Samuel 13:1-14. Was Saul "able" or "capable" of offering the sacrifices? Did he know how it was done and have the physical abilities to do it? Then why was it "wrong" for him to do so? Was he inferior to Samuel? What was the issue?

What are you doing to affirm & celebrate the differences between men and women as created by God? How are you demonstrating that in your home and at church?

Prayer — As we close the study, thank Jesus for changing lives and commit to walk with him.