

Great Needs of a Counter-cultural Church
1 Timothy 2:8-15
Living Love in the Local Church, part 6

- The local church was never meant to be a culturally _____ social club that affirms people in their sin, idolatry & immorality and helps them along on a journey to their “best life now.”
- We must believe in the equality of the human race, but this does mean that there are not gender differences. Men and women are different and have _____ roles.
- We are living through a revolutionary war against God.
- Let’s focus on two great needs for the church to embrace in order to stand against the sinful culture in which it stands.

1. _____ **Men, v.8**

- To Pray with...
 - A. _____ before the Lord: “Lifting up holy hands...”
 - B. _____ before others: “Without wrath and doubting.”

2. _____ **Women, v.9-15**

- No organization can survive or be successful without submission. Without submission is anarchy.

A. Submission in _____, v.9-10

- The timeless principle: dress in a way that appropriately reflects your desire to live a godly life, and not a glamorous life: with good works! (v.9.10; “Adorn” and “modest” are the same word, which means “set in order and arrange.”)

- Three principles of a woman’s outward attire:

- 1.) It’s a mirror of the _____, v.9a: “shamefacedness (reverence) and sobriety” (self-control; Acts 26:25).
- 2.) It should avoid extravagant expenses of _____, v.9b: “not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array.”
- 3.) It should reflect one’s _____, v.10: “professing (promising) godliness.”

B. Submission in local church ministry, v.11-15

1.) The basic principles: Paul limits the teaching/ruling ministry of women in the church and roots the prohibition in the creation of Adam and Eve.

- a. Women are not to have a _____ role over men, v.11, 12a
 - Teaching is an authoritative transmission of Biblical truth (Acts 13:1; Eph.4:11; 1 Tim.4:11-16; 2 Tim.3:16; 4:2).
- b. Women are not to have a _____ role over men, v.12b
- c. Women can teach other _____ and thus greatly influence the church and all of society (Titus 2:3,4; 2 Tim.3:15)
- d. This is consistent with the overall _____. (1 Cor.11:2-12 teaches that the woman was created AFTER the man, OUT OF the man, and FOR the man, to be his helper [also see 1 Cor.14:34,35]).

e. There are various attempts by evangelicals to _____ Paul's argument restricting women from having a teaching or ruling role in the church.

2.) The bottom line reasons, v.13,14

a.) The _____: God desires the creation order to be on display in the church, v.13

b.) The _____: Eve took the lead and was deceived; man in silence obeyed Eve and directly disobeyed God. The fall happened when a role reversal occurred.

- John Stott, a mainstream evangelical, "All attempts to get rid of Paul's teaching on headship (on the grounds that it is mistaken, culture-bound,) must be pronounced unsuccessful. It remains stubbornly there. It is rooted in divine revelation, not human opinion, and in divine creation, not human culture. In essence, therefore, it must be preserved as having permanent and universal authority."

3.) The _____ of childbearing, v.15

- A woman can be "saved" from the danger of worldly pressure that culture puts upon them to find their identity or fulfillment through expensive clothes, or by taking authority over the man, by bearing children and bringing them up in the Lord's nurture, while continuing in faith, love, and holiness with self-control (cf. 1 Tim.4:16). (Having children is a great thing!)
- Single woman can embrace their situation and live a life of faith, love, holiness, and self-control as they find their fulfillment by submission to the Lord and His Word.

