



Complementarianism

1 Timothy 2:8-3:7 | Women in the Kingdom

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Home	Believes men and women have distinct roles in the home. (Ephesians 5:21-33)	Believes men's and women's roles are interchangeable in home. (Galatians 3:28)	Believes husbands' and wives' roles are distinct in the home. (Ephesians 5:21-33)
Creation	Believes gender distinctions are a result of Creation and Christ's redemption as a return to those distinctions.	Believes gender distinctions are a result of the Fall and Christ's redemption as removing those distinctions.	Believes marital distinctions are a result of Creation and Christ's redemption removes distinctions in church body.



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B. Let's open up space for grace and humility.



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**A. Paul is explaining how men and women should
behave in the church. (v8-10)**



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B. Paul exerts his apostolic authority to permanently prohibit women from teaching, preaching, or holding the office of elder/pastor in the local church. (v11-12)



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**C. Paul roots his argument in the creation order prior
to the fall. (v13-14)**



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STRENGTHS:

a) It is easy to understand, and it makes sense of the text.



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b) It prioritizes the plain-reading of scripture and obeys it despite cultural pressures.



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QUESTIONS:

a. Does it fully address the other examples of women teachers and leaders in scripture?



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QUESTIONS:

b. Does it acknowledge that job descriptions at that time were androcentric (male-focused) even when the jobs weren't?



1 Timothy 3:2 (NIV)

Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife...



1 Timothy 3:11 (ESV)

Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things.



Numbers 12:6 (ESV)

And he said, “Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the Lord make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream.



Exodus 15:20 (NIV)

Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing.



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QUESTIONS:

c. Does it fully address the possibility that Paul's prohibition might be contextual?



1 Corinthians 11:4–5 (NIV)

Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. 5 But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head—it is the same as having her head shaved.



1 Corinthians 11:7-10 (NIV)

A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. 8 For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; 9 neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. 10 It is for this reason that a woman ought to have authority over her own head, because of the angels.



Gospel Conclusion