



Egalitarianism

Galatians 3:28 | Women in the Kingdom

	Complementarianism	Egalitarianism	Hybrid
Value	Believes men and women are of equal dignity and worth.	Believes men and women are of equal dignity and worth.	Believes men and women are of equal dignity and worth.
Church	Believes men and women have distinct roles in church. (1 Timothy 2:8-3:7)	Believes men and women have interchangeable roles in church. (Galatians 3:28)	Believes men and women have interchangeable roles in church. (1 Peter 3:1-7)
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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Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. 9 I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, 10 but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

11 A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. 15 But women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety. 1 Timothy 2:8-15 (NIV)



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A. Paul is responding to false teachers who elevated women in inappropriate ways. (1 Timothy 2:8-10, 13-14)



1 Timothy 1:3 (NIV)

As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer.



1 Timothy 6:3–4 (NIV)

If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, they are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions



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**B. Paul's prohibition is not-permanent but limited to disorderly church situations or misuses of authority.
(1 Timothy 2:11-12)**



2 Timothy 2:16 (NIV)

Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.

Paul does not want women dominating by propounding false doctrine in the Ephesian house churches. Paul is writing to a situation where certain well-to-do women, riding the cultural wave of feminine liberation, are trying to assume aggressively the mantle of leadership before they have properly learned the apostolic faith, and while they have come under the influence of false teachers who are rewriting the creation story to suit the inclinations of the new Roman women. Paul won't stand for it.

- Bourgeois Babes, Bossy Wives, and Bobby Haircuts by Michael F. Bird



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**C. Paul provides a pathway forward—instructing
women to learn quietly. (v11)**



1 Corinthians 11:5 (NIV)

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



Acts 18:26 (NIV)

[Apollos] began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.



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STRENGTHS:

a) It tries to understand the cultural context of the letter.



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**“A text without a context is just a pretext for whatever
you want it to mean.” - Ben Witherington III**



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STRENGTHS:

b) It emphasizes the world-changing nature of the kingdom of God.



Galatians 3:28-29 (NIV)

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.



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STRENGTHS:

c) It looks at the big picture of scripture and interprets difficult passages in light of it.

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QUESTIONS:

**a. Does this view bypass the plain reading of
scripture with theoretical context?**



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QUESTIONS:

b. Does this view bypass other seemingly complementarian texts, like Ephesians 5?