

A Disciple's Path – 1 Timothy 2:8-15
Homework for March 23-29, 2017

Lean In:

- What does it mean to be a woman in 2017? Describe how she looks, acts, works, worships, etc.
- What do you believe about the role of women in the church? How did you come to that belief?

Look Down:

Before you begin this study, pray that God would open your eyes to His truth. Pray that you would be open to hear what He has to say to you through His word.

Read 1 Timothy 2:8-15. ESV

8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; **9** likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, **10** but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. **11** Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. **12** I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. **13** For Adam was formed first, then Eve; **14** and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. **15** Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

- Re-read 1 Tim. 2:1-7 to remind yourself about the context of this passage. In one sentence, write down what Paul was saying in those verses.
- Colour or underline every mention of **men** in one colour and **women** (and **she**) in another colour.
- List below what a man and a woman should and should not do from v. 8-15.

	Should Do	Shouldn't Do
Men In church v.8		
Women In appearance v. 9-10		
Women In church v.11-12		

- Based on your observations, what problems do you think were happening in the Ephesian church that would cause Paul to write this?
- What do the following verses say about our outward appearance? Matt. 5:16, 1 Tim. 2:9-10, 1 Peter 3:3-4.
- Submissiveness is a key word in this passage. It means to be “ranking under” or “obedience”. How are we to live submissively? See what it says in the following passages: Gal. 5:13-14, Eph. 5:21, Phil. 2:3, 1 Peter 5:5-6.
- In what other roles does submissiveness play a part? Rom. 13:1, Eph. 5:22, 6:1, Titus 2:9-10. What is the purpose of being submissive? Read a couple verses after each one listed to see if you can find a reason.
- How was Jesus submissive? John 5:19, 30, 6:38, 8:28-29, 12:49-50, 14:10, 15:9-10, Phil. 2:5-8
- Paul reminds them of Eve being deceived by Satan. Read Gen. 1:26, 27; 2:18-25, 3:1-16. Write down what you learn about Adam and Eve. Why do you think Satan went after Eve instead of Adam?
- Verse 15 may cause you to raise your eyebrows a bit! In *A Self-Study Guide of 1 Timothy* by Irving L. Jensen, he provides the following table that gives options of translations of various words in the verse.

Text	Options
“she”	Eve (of v. 13-14) or any childbearing woman (e.g., v.12)
“shall be saved”	Spiritual salvation or physical deliverance
“in”	“by means of” or “through the circumstances of”
“childbearing”	Bearing of a child or Childbearing-that is, the bearing of the Christ child

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- Read different translations of this verse using an online Bible such as YouVersion app or www.biblegateway.com. Using the above chart, considering the context of the passage, and what you have studied from the Bible as a whole, what would your interpretation of this verse be?
 - Read about some godly women in the New Testament. Luke 2:36-38, Acts 18:24-26, Rom. 16:1-4, 2 Tim. 1:5. In what situations were they mentioned? How did they teach?
 - In light of everything you have studied this week, what would be the main takeaway point for you as a woman in 2017?

Look Out:

- Culture obviously played a part in affecting how the church functioned in Ephesus. How has culture affected the way the church functions today? Have this influence caused us to stray from our goal? Remember our second lesson and see 1 Tim. 1:5.
- In what ways should men and women submit to and respect each other in regard to church leadership?
- In what roles are women permitted to serve in your church? Is that policy biblical?

Look In:

- If you are making a claim to godliness, what should your life look like? Is there any area in your life that doesn't match up with what God wants? Is there something that needs to change in your "outward adornment"?
- What is your attitude when you come to a worship service? Are you teachable? What is your attitude towards the leadership at your church?
- Are you distracting during a worship service? Do your actions help or hinder your brothers and sisters in Christ?

Live it Out:

List five principles from 1 Timothy 2:8-15. A principle is simply a fact or command stated or implied in the passage that is relevant to your own life. An example is given for you...only 4 more to go!

- My attitude in worship is important.
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- What is one thing you can do to practically live out one of the principles this week? When will you do it? Ask your D-group to keep you accountable this week.

- What does it look like to “continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control”? What would that look like in your life this week?

Look Up:

Feel free to add to each of the lists during your prayer time. As you see God answer, write the date of the answer beside the prayer request and how God answered. Share God's answer with your DGroup!

- **Praise:**

Thank God that He has made you a woman with unique spiritual gifts to be used for His glory

- **Prayer:**

That you would have a teachable attitude

That you would in love have humility towards others

For your DGroup members to live out what they have learned this week