

The Church as a Family > 1 Timothy 2:8-15

2:8 God's people live out their trust in Him through their actions. Here, men are called not to give in to what might be the norm (anger, quarreling), but are instead to be known for how they pray.

2:9-10 Women, likewise, are not to be known for their outward appearance, but for how they serve the Lord. This is the reasoning behind Paul's call for modesty.

2:11-15 Similarly, women are to express their God-given uniqueness not through adopting the roles of men (see chapter 3), but instead by embracing womanhood. In the church – as in the family – this means not seeking to teach or have authority over the men. Rather, women are in a unique position to display God's intention for male and female through child-bearing, epitomized through Christ's birth.

Context: Paul's emphasis on faithful practices continues in these verses, with the call of male and female being equal yet distinct echoing from his references to Genesis 2 and 3.

Aim: Contrary to our world's wrong ideas, Christians are to understand that there is a God-given purpose in maleness and femaleness. When that purpose is subverted, sin and brokenness is the result (Genesis 3).

Gospel: Our identity is in Christ, not the world. He perfectly displayed not only what it looks like to be masculine, but He also perfectly honored and affirmed true femininity as well.

Application: How will you show God's good design for male and female in your words and actions this week?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
