

The Godly Woman (Part 2)

I. Principles of interpretation

A. Consider the **context**.

B. Look for universal **principles**.

C. Understand the **style**.

D. Take it **literally**.

E. Compare **unclear** passages with **clear** passages.

II. Difficult passages on the role of the godly woman

A. **1 Timothy 2:9-15** – ⁹Also, the women are to dress themselves in modest clothing, with decency and good sense, not with elaborate hairstyles, gold, pearls, or expensive apparel, ¹⁰but with good works, as is proper for women who profess to worship God. ¹¹A woman is to learn quietly with full submission. ¹²I do not allow a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; instead, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴And Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and transgressed. ¹⁵But she will be saved through childbearing, if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with good sense. (CSB)

B. **1 Corinthians 11:3-16** – ³But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ. ⁴Every man who prays or prophesies with something on his head dishonors his head. ⁵Every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since that is one and the same as having her head shaved. ⁶For if a woman doesn't cover her head, she should have her hair cut off. But if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, let her head be covered. ⁷A man should not cover his head, because he is the image and glory of God. So too, woman is the glory of man. ⁸For man did not come from woman, but woman came from man. ⁹Neither was man created for the sake of woman, but woman for the sake of man. ¹⁰This is why a woman should have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. ¹¹In the Lord, however, woman is not independent of man, and man is not independent of woman. ¹²For just as woman came from man, so man comes through woman, and all things come from God. ¹³Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? ¹⁴Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair it is a disgrace to him, ¹⁵but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her as a covering. ¹⁶If anyone wants to argue about this, we have no other custom, nor do the churches of God. (CSB)

C. **1 Corinthians 14:34-36** – ³⁴the women should be silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak, but are to submit themselves, as the law also says. ³⁵If they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home, since it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church. ³⁶Or did the word of God originate from you, or did it come to you only? (CSB)

Thought for the Week:

Bethel wouldn't be what it is today without the **women** in ministry to the church just as a family wouldn't be the same without the presence of the **wife** or **mother**.

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