

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for June 26-27, 2004**

**"Our Conduct in the Church"**

**1 Timothy 2:11-15**

**1. The proper attitude (2:11)**

a. Her receptiveness

Instruction is presumed to be in accordance with apostolic teaching.

Quietness in the case does not mean silence. It means with tranquility.

b. Her responsiveness

We receive instruction with entire submissiveness when we are attentive, learning and seeking to apply.

**2. The place in authority (2:12-14)**

1 Timothy 2:12 speaks to the function of women in the church.

Men and women have an equal standing before God, but different roles within the church. Women do not have a different significance in the ministry, only a different sphere of ministry.

Objections to this limitation:

- a. The biblical objection
- b. The cultural objection
- c. The educational objection
- d. The functional objection
- e. The pragmatic objection

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The Bible limits the ministry of women in the church in two ways:

- Women should not exercise authority over men
- Women should not teach men

Paul gives two reasons for this restriction: God's design and our deception.

Biblical teaching is more than simply a transfer of information. It includes an expectation of acceptance and a change of life.

### **3. The praiseworthy achievement (2:15)**

Four flawed views of 1 Timothy 2:15:

- a. Eternal salvation through bearing children.
- b. Salvation through the birth of the Savior (Genesis 3:15)
- c. Physical deliverance in childbirth.
- d. Spiritual deliverance from seizing men's roles in the church.

The best view is that 1 Timothy 2:15 speaks of spiritual deliverance to a fulfilled life in serving children.

Child bearing is a figure of speech that uses a part of something to refer to its whole (synecdoche). Women are not only irreplaceable in child birth, but also in ministry to children.

"I believe that children are our future teach them well and let them lead the way."