

# 1 Timothy

## Lesson 3 — Respect for Differing Roles (2.8-15)

The second half of chapter 2 sees the Holy Spirit communicating the will of God concerning the various roles of men and women. The word *men* in 2.8 is the Greek word *aner* which references males (contrast with *men* of vv1,4 which are *anthropos* — people, without regard to sex). After talking about the responsibility of men to lead in prayer, the Holy Spirit through Paul discusses the role of godly women: modesty, good works, submissiveness, faith, love, and holiness.

- 1) What are three qualities that will impede our prayers?  
A) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) What does modest clothing emphasize?  
A) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) With what is a woman's quietness contrasted in 2.12?  
A) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) What two reasons are given for a woman's role of submission?  
A) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Did Eve's failure doom all women?  
A) \_\_\_\_\_

### THOUGHT QUESTIONS:

- 1) Looking at the following passages (2.8; 2.11-12; 3.15), what seems to be the physical context for 2.8-15?
- 2) Using a Bible dictionary or concordance, find the Greek word that is translated "quiet" in 2.12. Then find the Greek word that is translated "silenced/stopped" in Titus 1.11. What do you notice about these words?
- 3) Some have said that 1 Timothy 2.15 demands women have children — respond to that statement: