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Topic: A Church in Order: Submissive Women

Scripture text: 1 Timothy 2: 9-15

1. Man and woman are equal in the sight of God but in their functional roles, God has put men to be the leaders. Men are to lead in prayers in church and at home. Women have to submit as taught in v.9-15. This also applies to men to submit to God and to one another. Hence men are not to abuse or trample the women.

2. Women are taught to wear modest apparels which bring forth the message of godliness and purity in their lives. Their minds must focus on spiritual things. Women are not to follow the fashion of the world in their clothing.

3. Women are to submit to authority of male leadership in the Church. They ought to have a meek and quiet spirit. Women are not permitted to have authoritative teaching over men. They can teach children and other younger women. The biblical pattern of male leadership is seen in the kings, priests and Apostles. Hence there should not be woman pastor and elder.

4. Spiritual leadership of men also applies at home. Husbands are to teach their wives spiritual truths. In the time of the Judges when Deborah was a prophetess, it was because men failed in their leadership role.

5. The basis of man's leadership comes from the order of creation that Adam was first formed and then Eve who was to be his help meet i.e. help appropriate for Adam. In the fall of man, it happened because Adam and Eve reversed their roles that Adam submitted to Eve to eat the forbidden fruit. Thank God that He provided a way of salvation for our sins in the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus who came to this world to die for us.