

## THE PASTORAL LETTERS

### God's Created Order: Living Out God's Order 1 Timothy 2:8-15

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1. **God created man male and female—alike yet different, with each called to live a life of godliness as Christian men and women.**
  
2. **God's creation of man and the fall of Adam and Eve communicate principles that affect God's order in the church.**
  - a. God, in His \_\_\_\_\_, created Adam first and then created Eve as the perfect complement.
  
  - b. Satan deceived Eve into believing that she could become like God and thereby overthrow God's created \_\_\_\_\_.

*"In the Bible, differentiated roles for men and women are never traced back to the fall of man and woman into sin. Rather, the foundation for this differentiation is traced back to the way things were in Eden \_\_\_\_\_ sin warped our relationships. Differentiated roles were corrupted, not created, by the fall. They were created by God." - John Piper*

- c. These facts of the creation narrative confirm three applications for men and women in the church.
    - 1) The Scriptures exhort women to submissively \_\_\_\_\_ sound, biblical instruction in an orderly fashion when the church gathers.
  
    - 2) The Scriptures instruct women not to \_\_\_\_\_ the Scriptures in the gathering of the church. But there are other important opportunities for a godly woman to teach.
  
    - 3) The Scriptures teach that the office of Elder/Pastor in the local church is limited to \_\_\_\_\_ godly men.
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3. **Within these guidelines, godly women are called to important complementary roles in the local church.**
    - a. Godly women are to look for opportunities within the church to \_\_\_\_\_ up their brothers and sisters in Christ.
  
    - b. Godly women are called to use their \_\_\_\_\_ to minister to their church family and help others grow in their faith.
  
    - c. All believers, men and women alike, are equally in Christ and \_\_\_\_\_ a part of God's household.