

## **Men's and Women's Responsibilities Defined**

1 Timothy 2:8-10

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**God has decreed that men are to have spiritual leadership in the church.**

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

[Paul] writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction. (2 Peter 3:16)

**I. Men are to lead the church in prayer. (v. 5a)**

**II. Men who lead are to have godly character and temperament. (v. 8b)**

Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place. (Psalm 28:2)

I call to you, LORD, come quickly to me;  
hear me when I call to you.

May my prayer be set before you like incense;  
may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice. (Psalm 141:1-2)

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands toward heaven and said:

“LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it—as it is today. (1 Kings 8:22-24)

Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?

Who may stand in his holy place?

The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not trust in an idol  
or swear by a false god. (Psalm 24:3-4)

...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. (Hebrews 10:22)

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. (James 1:6)

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. (Romans 14:1)

Do everything without grumbling or arguing... (Philippians 2:14)

An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. (Luke 9:46)

If I had cherished sin in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened;  
but God has surely listened  
and has heard my prayer.  
Praise be to God,  
who has not rejected my prayer  
or withheld his love from me! (Psalm 66:18-20)

**III. Women should not draw attention to themselves by flaunting their figures. (v. 9a)**

**IV. Women should not draw attention to themselves by flaunting their finances. (v. 9b)**

Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. (1 Peter 3:3-4)

...she is clothed in fine linen and purple. (Proverbs 31:21b)

**V. Instead, Christian women are to be good role models. (v. 10)**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:8-10)

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. (Acts 9:36-39)

For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed

Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. (1 Peter 3:5-6)