

1 Corinthians 14:33b-35 (November 13, 2022)
#4 Men & Women

NOTE: This is the last of four lessons focusing on men & women in the midst of the 1 Corinthians Study.

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

BIBLE PASSAGE STUDY QUESTIONS: READ 1 Corinthians 14:33b-35

1. What does Paul command in 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 and 1 Timothy 2:11-12? What do you think this is based upon and why is this important (Genesis 2:20-24; 1 Corinthians 11:7-9, 14:34; 1 Timothy 2:13)?

NOTE: “When Paul commands women not to speak in Church, he is not forbidding them to share biblical insights along with the men (something he has already tacitly assumed and approved). Rather, he is forbidding them to take part in the process of passing authoritative judgment upon what is being shared. That is a task for elders...biblical authors always assume that elders are men. Therefore, what is forbidden to women here [1 Corinthians 14:26, 27-35] is not the common ministry of teaching which every Christian shares, but the specific role of teaching that governs the proper interpretation of Scripture.”
(What Is The Teaching Role of Women? p. 5 by Dr. Glenn Parkinson)

2. What do 1 Corinthians 14:27, 1 Timothy 3:2-4, 5:17, and Titus 1:5-9 disclose regarding the qualifications and role of an elder?

3. Is Paul placing an absolute ban on women speaking in the church service?
Explain your answer (recall the previous lesson on 1 Corinthians 11:2-16).

4. "The Scriptures don't seem to be prohibiting women from doing anything else that a male non-Elder is permitted to do." (Pastor Dan Smith) Is this a new thought to you?
In what ways do you find this to be true or not the case in your church experience?

5. From the four studies covering a biblical perspective of "Men & Women", what are the most significant principles you have gleaned?