

God's Pattern for Worship Assemblies
The Roles of Men and Women in Worship Assemblies
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Lesson Objective:

To understand what differences, if any, there are between the roles of men and women when we gather together to worship God

Read the following passages and note the roles that women fulfilled in the early stages of the church.

Matthew 28:1-10; Acts 16:13-15; Acts 17:4; Acts 17:12; Romans 16:1; Philippians 4:2-3; I Corinthians 11:5; I Timothy 3:11; I Timothy 5:9-16; Titus 2:3

Read I Corinthians 14: 1-40 and note the following:

What is the overall context of Paul's instruction in this passage?

What three groups of people does Paul instruct to "keep silent", and with what time or occasion does the instruction relate?

Subjects of the Instruction	Time or Occasion of Their Silence

What is the meaning of "keep silent?" (Also note following passages in which individuals were silenced or kept silent: Luke 9:36; Luke 18:39; Luke 20:26; Acts 12:17; Acts 15:12-13)

In verse 34, Paul refers to a statement in the Law (i.e. "...as the Law also says."). To what part of the Law might he be referring? (Consider his basis for his instruction in I Timothy 2:8-15)

Read I Timothy 2:8-15 and note the following:

What are some of the specific instructions that Paul gives to women?

Which, if any, of these instructions appear to relate to the worship assemblies of the saints?

In verse 12, what contrast does Paul set forth regarding the role of men and women in the worship assembly?

NOT THIS:	BUT	THIS:

Is verse 12 an injunction against all women teaching any man? (Consider Acts 18:26; Philippians 4:2-3; and 2 Timothy 1:5)