



Roles of Men & Women

1 Timothy 2:8-15





The issue of women's roles in the teaching, worship, ministry and leadership of the Churches of Christ...will be the single most discussed and divisive issue in the first few years of the 21st century.

Wiley Clarkson

<http://eciconference.com/resources/2018---Progressivism-Among-Churches-of-Christ/02-RoleOfWomen-BReeves.pdf>





The Churches of Christ is nearly alone in completely excluding women and girls from speaking, leading, and actively serving in the worship service...About 2-4% of US Christianity completely prohibits women [from leading] in the worship service, and the lion's share is the Churches of Christ.

<https://authentictheology.com/2019/11/13/church-of-christ-decline-worsens-2400-a-month-depart-treatment-of-women-girls-factor/>





What is my role in the church and family?

How do I serve?

How do I lead?





Creation & Fall

Genesis 1-3

Equal in dignity (1:27)

Distinct in responsibility (2:18-25)

Sin resulted when roles reversed (3:1-7)

Each role was made more difficult after sin (3:16-19)



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Gender-Specific

“Mankind” (in v. 1,4,5) versus “males” (in v. 8)

Clear division of responsibilities in 2:8-15

God as Creator (v. 13)

Paul as Apostle (1:18, 2:7)

**God’s
Authority**



MEN

1 Timothy 2:8



Holy hearts lead to holy leadership

“I want the males to pray” – what context?

With undefiled hearts and hands

When men fail to lead, it is tragic indeed



WOMEN

1 Timothy 2:9-10

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Modest hearts lead to modest clothing

NOT...

Fancy hairstyles
Flashy jewelry
Expensive clothes

... BUT

Good works!
1 Peter 3:3-4
Proverbs 31:21-22,25



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Submissive hearts lead to submissive service

Realm 1 – in the church (v. 11-12)

Women should not teach or exercise authority over men

Rooted in creation

Important distinction: what God says vs. how we apply



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Realm 2 – in the family (v. 15)

A woman will not die in labor?

A woman will be saved despite suffering childbirth?

A woman will be saved by being a mother?

Promise to Eve – all women saved through Christ!

A Woman's Spiritual Influence

Spiritual influencers – 1 Peter 3:1-2, 2 Timothy 1:5

Gently correcting – Acts 18:26

Revealing God's word – Acts 21:9

Co-workers in the gospel – Romans 16



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