

## Women, Teaching and Authority

### 1 Timothy 2:8-15

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<sup>8</sup>Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. <sup>9</sup>I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, <sup>10</sup>but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God. <sup>11</sup>A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve. <sup>14</sup>And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. <sup>15</sup>But women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

### Timothy – Young Pastor in Ephesus

1 Timothy 1:3-4

<sup>3</sup>As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command **certain** people not to teach false doctrines any longer <sup>4</sup>or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith.

1 Timothy 4:7

Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales

1 Timothy 2:1

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people...

### Historical and Cultural Background

Acts 19:27,28,35

<sup>27</sup>There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited; and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty. <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" <sup>34</sup>...they all shouted in unison for about two hours: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" (And this was *after* the shouting that had already been going on for some time by this point.) <sup>35</sup>The city clerk quieted the crowd and said: "Fellow Ephesians, doesn't all the world know that the city of Ephesus is the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of her image, which fell from heaven?"

### Seven Wonders of the Ancient World

#### Theology of Artemis

Jews

Romans

Greeks

**Hair, Jewelry, Clothing**

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**...or to have authority over a man**

**for Adam was created first**

**Eve was deceived and sinned first**

**Saved through childbearing**