

A Study of the Epistles of Paul

(NT Survey Lesson 178--1 Timothy 2)

Introduction: Paul continues to instruct Timothy as to how those in God's household should behave. In this chapter he discusses the roles of men and women in their spiritual conduct and their relationship to each other.

Lesson aim: To understand the proper role of both men and women in the church.

God's people encouraged to pray--1 Tim. 2:1-8

1. What did Paul say should be made on behalf of all men?
2. For whom particularly should we pray? For what reason?
3. Is our prayer for all men for their salvation? What does God desire for all men?
4. There is _____ God. There is _____ mediator, the _____ Christ Jesus.
5. What did Christ do to make salvation possible?
6. What was Paul's role in God's plan of salvation? Did this give him the right to command men and women in the church to occupy different roles?

The role of men and women--1 Tim. 2:9-15

1. What does Paul urge the men in every place to do? Is this speaking about leading in public prayer?
2. What does it mean to "lift up holy hands"? With what attitude should men pray?
3. What two things did Paul urge women to do? (v. 9 & 11)
4. Describe the kind of adornment with which a woman should adorn herself. Is it wrong to wear jewelry, or braid the hair, per se?

5. With what attitudes should the woman adorn herself? With what kind of deeds should a woman adorn herself?
6. How is a woman to receive teaching? With what attitude? How is this attitude displayed?
7. What did Paul say was not allowed for a woman to do? What instead should she do? What does it mean to teach the man or exercise authority (dominion) over the man? (Is it wrong to teach the man in every circumstance or in some circumstances? Explain.)
8. For what two reasons does Paul state a woman must be in subjection?
9. Does woman's fall mean she has forfeited salvation? How then in God's purpose is she to be saved?