

Safeguarding Sound Teaching

1 Tim. 2:8-15

The Book of 1 Timothy

Theme: Let us keep the main thing, the main thing. _

Outline:

First, what did this text mean to them then?

Let us consider three presuppositions.

1. The temple of Diana was primary in Ephesus. Temple prostitutes were making their way into the church and without abandoning their licentious attire where a distraction to the gospel.
2. Ephesians 5:12-21 speaks of what gospel rich relationships look like in the home.
3. The witness of the Bible.
4. There is the presence of false teachers/teaching and both men and women were deceived by it and needed to be stopped.

This same thought is supported by the structure of 1 Timothy.

A. Dealing with False Teachers (**1:1-17; 4:1-16; 6:3-10**)

a. Personal Encouragement to Timothy

i. Instruction / Topics / Themes

1. PURPOSE STATEMENT (3:14-16)

1. Women are to be taught the Word of God.
2. And until such a time that they are taught, they are not to teach.
3. Why, so that they will not be led astray or deceived by false teachers as was Eve.
4. In addition, if married, they are not to abandon the home for the sake of "the ministry." They are to continue in "good works."

Second, how does the gospel inform this text?

1. Jesus does something incapable of being achieved by any other person. He levels the playing field and invites all to come regardless of whether you are Jew/gentile, male/female, bond/free. He justifies everyone equally.
2. Justification treats everyone equally regardless of ethnicity, gender, or status.
3. The Holy Spirit dispenses gifting impartially (1 Cor. 12-14). Regardless of who you are, you have received a gift and the gift is divinely bestowed.
4. The church is to function in a manner that celebrates the gospel internally and proclaims the gospel externally.

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Finally, what does this text mean to us now?

1. We are to aggressively instruct women in the word of God, so that . . .
 - a. They will teach the gospel correctly
 - b. They will not be deceived by strange teaching and be led astray
2. Gospel ministry does not compete with relational responsibilities inside of the marriage covenant. Gospel ministry compliments and strengthens relational responsibilities inside of the marriage covenant where the gospel is lived out.

Reading 1 Timothy 2:9-15 within its literary context demonstrates that Paul's instructions for women are integrated with his larger purpose for writing Timothy: a proper response to the presence of different teaching in the church. Women, most likely the younger widows, were involved in some way with the promotion of different teaching, and Paul seeks to prohibit them from continuing to deceive others. Paul's overarching concern that women reflect godliness through good works acts as a counterbalance to the deceptive temptation and destructive effects of the different teaching. Paul's response is consistent with both his instructions for the entire church and his concern for Timothy, thereby indicating that he is not addressing women here simply because they are women.¹

Shepherding the Sheep: (What is the NEXT STEP?)

Paul's instruction in 1 Timothy 2:9-15 is an example of his correction of women who were involved in promoting different teaching in the church. In the face of threats to the faith of the church, the goal of Paul's instruction was the call to godliness: true knowledge of God reflected in a consistent lifestyle. Godliness is to be evidenced by self-control, quietness, submission, and continuing in faith, love, and holiness. This is a message the church also needs to hear today.²

¹ <http://www.directionjournal.org/33/2/reading-1-timothy-2-9-15-in-its-literary.html>

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