

1 Timothy
The Challenge of Being the Church
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To promote health and harmony in the church we are to conduct ourselves with a godly attitude...

- **Men:** I am *not to cover up* inner sin with outward virtue (2:8)
 - When I pray, I am to make certain I am in a right relationship with God (holy hands) and with my fellow believers (w/o anger and disputing)
- **Women:** I am *not to cover up* inner virtue with outward sin (2:9-10; Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 3:1-6)
 - I am to dress (modestly, with sensible judgment) and have an attitude (good works, godly character) that attracts people to God and not myself.

Egalitarian position: Men and women are equal before God in their personhood, therefore there are no gender-based limitations concerning functions or roles each can fulfill in the home, church or society.

Complimentarian position: Men and women are equal before God in their personhood, but were created to compliment each other via different functions and roles in the home, church and society.

God's designed relationship and roles between men and women are to promote order and peace in the public worship service (2:11-15)

- Women are to honor and respect the authority of those men God has called to oversee the church (v 11; 1 Cor 11:3; John 14:26,28; 15:26; 16:13-15; Heb 13:17)
- Women are not to assume the role of authoritative leadership over the church (v 12; 1 Tim 3:1-7; 5:17; Titus 1:5-6)
- *The reason:* It is God's design from the creation (v 13-14; Eph 5:22-33; Gen 1:27-28; 2:7-9,15-20,21-25; 3:1-13, 16-19; Rom 5:12, 15-17)
- **The point:** When God's order for leadership is ignored it brings division and destruction