

What About the Women?

1 Timothy 2.9-15

a challenge to assumed gender roles

1. Women's Fashions, vs9-10

➤ *guiding principles:*

the fashion must fit!

appropriate for those devoted to God

- what message do they send out?

- what do they say about my heart?

be modest, decent, sensible

➤ *what to avoid:*

extravagant ostentation

church is not a fashion show!

➤ *the best dress-code of all:*

*good deeds **Mark 14.6***

character matters more than clothing

1 Peter 3.3-5

God loves beauty **Rev 21.2**

especially of character and deeds

2. Good Learners, v11

- **be still: give God time to teach**
Lk 10.39-42; Ps 46.10; 1 Cor 14.33-40
- **be submissive – ready to change**
James 1.21

3. Women Teachers?, v12-14

- * **Paul's personal opinion ? No!**
- * **culturally limited? No!**
- * **domestic instructions? No!**
- **men and women are equal to God ..**
by creation Gen 1.27
and redemption Gal 3.28
- **but have been given different roles**
women, by nature: childbirth
men, in church: teaching
clear patterns of responsibility
require submission and care
- **women may teach ...**
2 Tim 1.5;3.15; Tit 2.3-4; Acts 18.26

**and prophecy 1 Cor 11.5,13;
Luke 2.36; Acts 2.17; 21.8-9**

- **but not claim authority**
- **back to first principles**
 - **male headship v13**
 - **danger of defying
God-given roles v14**

4. Childbirth, v15

- * **salvation through childbirth? No!**
- * **safety in child birth? not always**
- **salvation through Jesus
for those who show faith**