

Should a woman lead in the home (1 Timothy 2:9-15)?

Our culture is saturated with strong, independent women taking the leadership of homes, churches, businesses, and government. Many women and especially young girls look to these strong women as role models to emulate.

1. What should the primary focus of every woman be?

1 Timothy **2:9-10**

Proverbs **31:29-31**

The primary focus of every woman (and every man) should be to honor God in the conduct of your life. Too many women (and men) are so focused on their physical appearance that they neglect the heart towards God that God desires from them.

2. What should a woman's relationship be to the men in her life?

1 Timothy **2:11-12**

Ephesians **5:22**

Numbers **30:3-8**

1 Peter **3:1-4**

The woman is called by God to live in subjection to or under the authority of her husband or father. Notice that even if her husband is an unbeliever, she is still to live in subjection to him and honor him and his God given position as the authority of the house.

3. Why does God want men to lead rather than women?

1 Timothy **2:13-14**

Ephesians **5:22-24**

Numbers **30:11-15**

Genesis **2:15-18; 3:5-7**

Genesis **3:16** cmp Genesis **4:7**

The most basic answer is that it is God's design decision. God originally created the man and assigned to him a sense of overseership of the commands of God. In the Garden of Eden the man who was given the authority by God, abdicated his role as the authoritative leader to the woman rather than uphold his position as God's divinely appointed authority. Since the fall, the woman has been trying to usurp the God given position of authority from the man even as sin has been trying to usurp authority of the human being.

4. Doesn't the woman living in subjection to her husband make her his slave?

Ephesians **5:25-28**

1 Peter **3:7**

Genesis **2:18-24**

The authority that God gave to men and the position of subjection that God gave to women does not make her his slave. Instead the pressure is placed on the man to make his wife feel loved, cared for, protected and provided for. As the authority of the house, the man also bears the responsibility. If something goes wrong, it is the man who will be held responsible for the situation by God and not the woman, even if most people would claim that it was her fault. Notice that the woman was created by God to be a complementary helper to the man but at the same time is held responsible to

God based upon her own actions. She was created to be at his side and to complement his weaknesses with the strengths that God has given her.

5. Since Paul wrote nearly 2,000 years ago and times have changed shouldn't the role of women change as well?

2 Timothy **3:16-17**

Malachi **3:6**

Isaiah **40:8**

2 Peter **1:20-21**

Psalm 119:89; 119:160

What Paul wrote is God's words and God's desires. Since God is honor bound to always tell the truth, God will not lie and the words that He spoke to Paul are still the words of God and they are not to be changed because we don't happen to agree with them.