

## Male Spiritual Leadership

(1 Timothy 2:11-12)

- Introduction:
1. In Acts 17:6, Paul and the followers of Jesus were accused of turning the world upside down.
  2. Sadly, too often the church is turned on its head by the world.
  3. This is not only true today, but in the first century as well.
    - a. Corinth was known for its immorality, and we see it in the church (1 Cor. 5).
    - b. Sardis was destroyed by their complacency, and we see that to be a problem in the church as well (Rev. 3:2).
    - c. Look at how culture is shaping churches today.
  4. In this lesson, we will examine what the Bible says about “male spiritual leadership.”

### I. Culture’s Impact on the church

- A. “We seek to use the gifts God has given us without regard to gender, because we have found two distinct imperatives that compel us to do so. First, there is no such thing as male or female in Christ, as per Galatians 3:28. Second, the passages restricting women’s ministry, 1 Corinthians 14 and 1 Timothy 2 are to be understood in the context of their communities and are not to be taken literally in other contexts.”
- B. “We assert that women in the Lord may minister not only to women, but also to men, as God calls them, as long as they are submitting to God’s authority, the leaders of the church, and their commitments to their families.
- C. Another brother accused the churches who would not open their pulpits to women as having an “Archie Bunker” mentality.
- D. It seems as though every few weeks, another congregation succumbs to the pressure of culture, and “political correctness, and “restudies” their position only to change in favor of allowing women to have positions of authority over men in the church.
- E. A Survey in 2017 showed that
  1. 80% of Americans were comfortable with a female pastor.
  2. 67% of Christians were comfortable with a female pastor.
  3. 27% of churches today have female preachers.
  4. In 1960, just 2% of churches had female preachers.
- F. What we are witnessing is a cultural and religious rebellion against the word of God.

### II. What Does The Bible Say?

- A. (Galatians 3:28).
  1. (Numbers 16:3).
  2. Moses was accused of taking too much upon himself.

3. The rationale for the complaint was, “We’re all holy, therefore we all ought to be able to do the same thing.”
  4. Is this not how Galatians 3:28 is being used?
  5. It’s the same old argument dressed in new clothes.
- B. (1 Corinthians 11:1-16).
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- Conclusion:
1. If we are to withstand this secular and religious assault against the Bible and the church, we have to do two things.
    - a. Men must stand up and assume the role God has given them and assume spiritual leadership in the church and home. Don’t allow your church or family to suffer for lack of spiritual direction and leadership.
    - b. Ladies, aspire to all that God wants you to be, but recognize and be content with the limitations he has placed upon you.
  2. This is God’s way and his way is always best.