

## **A CALL TO CHRISTIAN WOMENHOOD (Hebrews 13:5)**

It would be wonderful if Christians started out fully mature and in full time fellowship with God all the time. If that happened Christians would never fight, never separate and never divorce. The best way to proceed in lieu of the fact that we never start that way is to make it our goal to get there together.

### **WOMANS ROLE AT HOME**

**I Timothy 2:8-10** A Christian woman who wants to be known as godly and who desires to please God will be a woman who dresses and acts modestly, will do good works for family and for others.

**Proverbs 6:20; II Tim. 1:5; 3:15** Notice that the person teaching becomes the authority. Since the parent is already put in authority at home there is no problem with women teaching doctrine at home.

**Ephesians 5:22-24** One of the most prevalent issues within Christendom is following the correct path of submission. We all need to submit to someone but pride gets in the way of doing it God's way.

**I Peter 3:1-6** We cannot use the excuse of living with an unbeliever for a reason to separate or divorce. God expects a saved woman to be a Christian example to her lost husband, dressing, praying, working and serving at home in faith believing that God will save her husband in due time.

**Acts 6:1; I Timothy 5:9-10** The church is to help those women that have lost their husband only if they have a testimony of faithfulness at home and with the brethren.

**Proverbs 31:10-31** The type of woman the bible wants every Christian woman to be is in these verses. A godly woman will be a woman of virtue, one that is a home maker in the broadest sense, cooking, cleaning, sewing, gardening, helping the needy, guiding her children, praised by her husband.

**Titus 2:3-5** Notice that the older Christian woman is to be 'separated' (holiness), not a gossip, capable of teaching others. They are to teach the young women how to be godly women, home makers and obedient to their own husbands in a way that does not bring reproach to the word of God.

### **WOMANS ROLE IN THE CHURCH**

**I Timothy 3:14; 2:11-15** It is clear in the scriptures that a woman is not to teach or have authority within any church function, Sunday school, worship service, bible conference or any other function over the man. The woman was created to be the helper, the completer for the man and is under him.

**I Corinthians 14:33b-35, 37** People change, culture changes, society changes but God's word never changes. Women are to seek answers from their husband or from a man of the church in authority.

**I Timothy 2:11-14** The focus of these verses describe the manner of learning for women in church. Women are to learn in quietness and submissiveness to the authority of the pastor or teaching man.

**I Timothy 2:9-10** The biblical principle that Paul is giving here is not just a standard or legalistic form of dressing for worship but under the Holy Spirit guidance, Paul tells us that a woman's character is more important than what she is wearing for cloths. Every Christian woman should prize and honor her testimony of good works and conduct for God at the highest level of modesty and morality.

**I Corinthians 11:3-10** Paul once again gives the order of authority and the reason for the man not to have long hair and the reason women are not to have real short hair. It is for God not for man.

**I Timothy 3:1-15** Within what is referred to as 'Christian churches' there is a proliferation of female clergy, both pastoral and in other leadership positions. To reiterate what we have already said, people change, denominations change, cultures change, ideas change, bible versions change, terminology changes, word meanings change, but God's word, God's truth has never changed nor will it ever change. Paul, the Apostle that God called to give instruction, direction, and doctrinal truth for the church of Jesus Christ has given us God's direction and structure that is to be used in the local New Testament church.