

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

First Timothy Bible Study — I Timothy 2:11- 15 & 3:1-6 Lesson #5

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in First Timothy before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

11-15 **Let a WOMAN learn in SILENCE with all SUBMISSION.** And I do **NOT** permit a **WOMAN to teach or to HAVE AUTHORITY over a MAN**, but to be in silence. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And **Adam was NOT DECEIVED, but the WOMAN being DECEIVED**, fell into transgression. Nevertheless, **she shall be SAVED in CHILDBEARING** if they continue in faith, love, and holiness with self-control.

• **I Corinthians 14:33-35** “For God is _____ the author of _____ but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. Let your _____ keep silent in the _____, for they are not permitted to _____; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says. And if they want to _____ something, let them _____ their own _____ at _____; for it is shameful for women to _____ in church.”

Definition: “It is shameful for WOMEN to SPEAK in church” — The word “silence” means stillness, quietness, to desist from bustling. “Let a woman learn in silence” was a reproof to women in the church who were **TALKING, GOSSIPING, or asking QUESTIONS during the preaching of the word.** Paul says that if they don’t understand something or have a question, they should ask their own husbands **WHEN they GET HOME, NOT make a disturbance in the church.** In I Cor. 14, the context is that of the church body misusing the gift of speaking in tongues, whether men or women. The Believers in Corinth were causing **CONFUSION** in their worship services, and God says **HE is NOT** the author of confusion, but of order. The Amplified translation says “it is disgraceful for a woman to **TALK** in church.” **It is NOT the word for preach or teach, but just TALK.** Some of the women were **TALKING** during the church service and **causing a disturbance.** Whether men or women, **we should have a humble, quiet attitude when we come into God’s presence** to worship in the church body.

• **Psalm 131:1-2** “Lord, my heart is _____ haughty, nor my eyes lofty (proud). Neither do I concern myself with great matters, nor with things too profound for me. Surely I have _____ and _____ my _____, like a weaned child with his mother; like a weaned child is my _____ within me.”

• **Psalm 46:10** “Be _____, and _____ that I am _____; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

Definition: “Let a WOMAN learn in SILENCE with all SUBMISSION” – SUBMISSIVE or submission means being **HUMBLE** or compliant; **YIELDING** to the authority or control of another — the **opposite** of **REBELLIOUS**. The command for wives to be submissive to their own husbands is meant to picture **the relationship between Christ and His church, and Christ and the Father.** The church is to be submissive to Christ (not act independently of Him). Jesus, when He was on earth, did not act independently of God the Father (see John 5:19, 5:30, John 12:49, John 14:10). Jesus was **EQUAL** with the Father, but He **VOLUNTARILY CHOSE to take a subordinate place** to the Father for the purpose of carrying out the plan of salvation.

• **I Corinthians 11:3** “But I want you to know that the _____ of every _____ is _____, and the _____ of _____ is man (her husband), and the _____ of _____ is _____.”

• **Ephesians 5:24** “Therefore, just as the _____ is _____ to _____, so let the _____ be to their own _____ in everything.”

• **Acts 2:17-18** “And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your _____ and your _____ shall _____and on My _____ and on My _____ I will pour out My _____ in those days, and they shall prophesy.”

• **Acts 21:8-9** “.....and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. Now this man had four virgin _____ who _____.”

• **Galatians 3:26-28** “For you are all sons (children) of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek (gentile), there is _____ slave nor free, there is neither _____ nor _____; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

• **I Corinthians 6:16 & 18** “And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said, ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them, I will be their God, and they shall be My _____.’” (Verse 18) “‘I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My _____ and _____,’ says the Lord Almighty.”

Definition: “Do NOT permit a WOMAN to teach or to HAVE AUTHORITY over a MAN” – First of all, we know that **the gifts of prophecy (preaching) and teaching** are valid gifts of the Holy Spirit for **women** as well as men, and that women are **EQUAL** to men in the eyes of God in the body of Christ. However, God has given **certain rules for how they should FUNCTION in the church ASSEMBLY**, within the local congregation and body of believers. One of those rules is that **women are NOT to USURP AUTHORITY OVER a MAN**, which means women are not permitted to be pastors or ruling elders of the local church body. This does NOT say that women cannot teach in the church, as **they can teach TOGETHER with their husbands (such as HUSBAND and WIFE TEAM Aquila and Priscilla), or teach other women, or teach children**. Women evidently were allowed to be “deacons” or “deaconesses” (see Romans 16:1- the word “servant” is the same as “deacon”) because the deacons were **SERVANTS**, and the deacons in the church were not the ruling elders or the ones who were to preach or have authority over the congregation. Also in Luke 2:36-38 we see Anna, the prophetess (which means she was preaching), and in I Corinthians 11:5 we see women praying and prophesying in the church assembly, so **it is definitely permissible for a woman to preach and teach, but just NOT to USURP AUTHORITY OVER a MAN, especially over her own husband**.

• **Titus 2:3-5** “The older _____ likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, _____ of good things -- that they admonish the young _____ to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste (modest), homemakers, good, obedient to their own _____, that the word of God may not be _____ (spoken against with **CONTEMPT**).”

• **Acts 18:2 & 26** “And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his _____ Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them.” (Verse 26) “So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, _____ took him aside and _____ to him the _____ of _____ more _____.”

• **Romans 16:1** “I commend unto you Phoebe our _____, who is a servant

(deacon) of the _____ which is at Cenchea.”

Definition: “Adam was NOT DECEIVED, but the WOMAN being DECEIVED” – Eve was DECEIVED or TRICKED by the serpent, which we know was actually Satan in disguise. The serpent did not TEMPT Adam. The Bible says Eve just offered the fruit to him, and he just took it. Sin and its resulting DEATH came through the “Fall of Man”, when Adam and Eve sinned (see Romans 5:12), so in that sense it is both men and women, but **the Bible is very specific in giving the BLAME to Adam.** Satan, through the serpent, DECEIVED Eve, but Adam took the fruit and **disobeyed God of his own FREE WILL**, and his disobedience brought the CONSEQUENCES of SIN and DEATH (the “curse”). The earth is under this CURSE of SIN and DEATH until Jesus comes again and makes all things new. Now, why do these verses pick on the woman because she was deceived? Perhaps, because of a woman’s more emotional nature, she is more likely to be carried away by her feelings, and end up being tricked or deceived.

• **Romans 5:12** “Therefore, just as through one _____ sin entered the world, and _____ through _____, and thus _____ spread to all men, because _____ – “

• **I Peter 3:7** “Likewise you _____, dwell with them with _____, giving honor to the _____, as to the _____ vessel, and as bring heirs _____ of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.”

Definition: “She shall be SAVED in CHILDBEARING” – First of all, let’s look at the meaning of the word “saved.” It does not always mean saved in the sense of going to heaven when you die. The Greek word for salvation is “sozo” which has the meaning of **being HEALED from disease, made whole, and DELIVERED from HARM and kept SAFE from destruction**, as well as the meaning of being saved from sin. Secondly, **it does not say she will be saved BY her childbearing, but IN it, or through it.** The Bible is very clear that NO ONE, man or woman, is saved from their sins and going to heaven by any other means than faith in Jesus Christ and what He did on the cross. However, we can be saved or delivered in and through a number of things during our lives here on earth. This earth is still under the curse (Genesis 3:16-19), and we must **cry out to God continually to save us, heal us, make us whole, and deliver us from all kinds of dangers, diseases, dysfunctions, and the consequences of our own bad choices.** In spite of the pain of childbearing which a woman passes through, while suffering her part of the curse of Genesis 3:16, she shall be saved (if she is a woman of faith - “if they continue in faith and love and holiness...”). In the same way, a man shall be saved, even though he has to bear his part of the curse, namely, hard work by the “sweat of the brow.”

• **Genesis 3:16-19** “To the _____ He said, ‘I will greatly multiply your _____ in _____. In _____ you shall bring forth _____; yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you. Then to Adam He (God) said, ‘Because you have heeded (listened to) the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you saying, ‘You shall NOT eat of it’: ‘_____ is the ground for your sake (because of what you have done); in _____ (hard work) you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles (weeds) it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the _____ of your face you shall eat bread (work hard for a living) till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.’”

Chapter 3

1-6 This is a faithful saying: If a man desires **the POSITION of a BISHOP**, he desires a good work. A bishop, then must be blameless, **the husband of one wife, temperate (self-controlled), sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence** (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation of the devil.

• **Titus 1:5-9** “For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint _____ in every city as I commanded you – if a man is _____, the _____ of one _____, having faithful _____ not accused of dissipation or insubordination. For a _____ must be _____, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to _____, not _____, not _____ for _____, but _____, a lover of what is good, _____ - _____, just, holy, _____ - _____, holding fast the faithful _____ as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.”

• **I Peter 5:2-4** “_____ the _____ of _____ which is among you, serving as _____ (pastors, bishops), not by constraint (being forced) but _____, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; not as being lords over those _____ to _____, but being _____ to the _____; and when the chief _____ appears, you will receive the _____ of _____ that does not fade away.”

Definition: “The POSITION of a BISHOP” – The word “bishop” means shepherd, one who cares for the sheep. It is the same as PASTOR and ELDER in the Bible. This is a very important and serious position for anyone to take, and they must love and take care of the SHEEP (members of the congregation) with the same love and care that Jesus shows us as the GOOD SHEPHERD. In these verses, Paul recites a list of qualities that a bishop MUST have. We will go into more detail on those qualities in the next lesson, as most of them apply to deacons, as well.

• **John 21:15-17** “So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon, son of Jonah, do you _____ Me more than these?’ He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; You know that I _____ You.’ He (Jesus) said to him, ‘Feed My lambs.’ He said to him again a second time, ‘Simon, son of Jonah, do you _____ Me?’ He said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord, You _____ that I _____ You.’ He said to him, ‘Tend My _____.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon, son of Jonah, do you _____ Me?’ Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, ‘Do you love Me?’ And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I _____ You.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed My _____.’”

• **Ezekiel 34:11-12** “For thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I _____ will search for My _____ and seek them out. As a shepherd _____ for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered _____, so I will _____ for My _____ and will _____ them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day.’”

• **Luke 15:3-7** “So _____ spoke this parable (a story illustrating something about God) to them saying, ‘What man of you, having a hundred _____, if He _____ one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the _____ which is _____ until He finds it? And when He has _____ it, He lays it on

His shoulders, _____. And when He comes home, He calls together His _____ and neighbors, saying to them, _____ with Me, for I have _____ My _____ which was lost!' I say to you that likewise (in the same way) there will be more _____ in _____ over one _____ who _____ than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.'"