

## Men and Women in the Church 1 Timothy 2:8–15

### Complementarianism and Egalitarianism

**Complementarianism:** Complementarians believe that men and women are created in the image of God and equal in value, dignity, and worth, and they have complementary roles in the home and the church.

**Egalitarianism:** Egalitarians believe that men and women are equal in every way, and they do not have different roles in the home or the church.

“While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture.” (The Baptist Faith and Message 2000)

### Men in the Church (1 Timothy 2:8)

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.” (1 Timothy 2:1)

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.” (Matthew 5:21–22)

“When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.” (Isaiah 1:15)

### Women in the Church (1 Timothy 2:9–15)

“Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.” (1 Peter 3:3–4)

“Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.” (Proverbs 31:30)

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:11–12)

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## Discuss

- How do you see the teaching of the Bible on men and women in the church positively shaping our congregation?
- Are there ways that our congregation needs to make progress in more faithfully applying biblical teaching on men and women in the church?
- What are some ways that Christians can talk about the role of men and women in the church positively and winsomely while staying true to the clear teaching of Scripture?

## Read

Genesis 1–3; 1 Samuel 16:1–13; Romans 5:12–21; 1 Corinthians 7:1–40; 14:26–40;

## Pray

- That the Holy Spirit will enable our church family to treat all people as image-bearers of God.
- That both men and women in our church family will be equipped for ministry.
- That God will raise up qualified men to pastor our congregation.

## Announcements

- Men's Breakfast: February 26 at 8:00am
- Evan Gartman Candidating: February 27
- Youth Summer Camp (Participant Commitments Needed by February 27): June 5–9
- Realm ([info@fsbcknobs.com](mailto:info@fsbcknobs.com) for Help): Deadline for Photo Directory is February 28
- Members' Meeting: March 13 at 5:00pm