

Guard the deposit #4

**Secret mens' business??**

**1 Timothy 2:11-15**

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**1. Not so long ago in a ~~galaxy~~ Diocese not far from here ...**

**2. 1 Timothy 2 - a controversial passage**

**3. Women teaching men - a brief history**

**4. Dealing with difficult texts - some principles**

- a. Is this a “gospel issue”?
- b. Scripture interprets scripture - must not contradict
- c. Black / White or Grey? We must not impose our standards of “logic” on scripture
- d. Evangelicals claiming the moral high ground with a “Thou shalt not” position is “attractive” but can be wrong (e.g. 1Tim 4:3-5)
- e. Allow for a range of possibilities
- f. Humility and graciousness in disagreement

**5. Context**

- a. This letter Attitude > Order False teaching - Some women (and men!) were victims (e.g. 1Tim 5:13-15, 2Tim 3:6-9)
- b. Ephesus 1st Century “values” esp attitudes to women (eg appropriate dress)
- c. Related texts - sometimes “muddy the water”
  - i. 1 Corinthians 14:33-36 - a particular problem - church meetings interrupted - offending women are commanded to “be silent”
  - ii. Galatians 3:26-29 - believer’s status “in Christ” - male and female, Jew and Gentile, slave and free are all one “in Christ”. Appropriate ministry is not addressed here.

- iii. Ephesians 5:21 ff Mutual submission is general pattern of relationships.  
Headship in marriage - obligation for husband to love his wife and serve her.  
Headship is not the same as leadership.

## 6. What Paul says

- a. **2:8** Godly men pray without anger or dispute
- b. **2:9** Godly women dress appropriately
- c. **2:11** a woman should learn in quietness  
(= peaceful and quiet 2:2, = silent 2:12)  
and full submission (to whom?? men, husbands or elders?)
- d. **2:12** I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be peaceful/quiet
- e. **2:13-15** Scriptural justification from Genesis 2:13-15
  - i. Adam formed first v13
  - ii. Eve was deceived v14
  - iii. Grace trumps sin - women saved through childbirth v15

## 7. Applying the passage today

- a. Authority and teaching
- b. Who teaches who? Colossians 3:16-17  
“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:16, 17.
- c. Overseer/elder Chapter 3
- d. First Century only??

## 8. Remember: the main game is the main game

**Godliness**                      **true doctrine**                      **peaceful submission**  
**mutual and complementary ministry**  
**commending the gospel to outsiders (Jesus' reputation)**  
**contending for the gospel against false teachers in the church**