

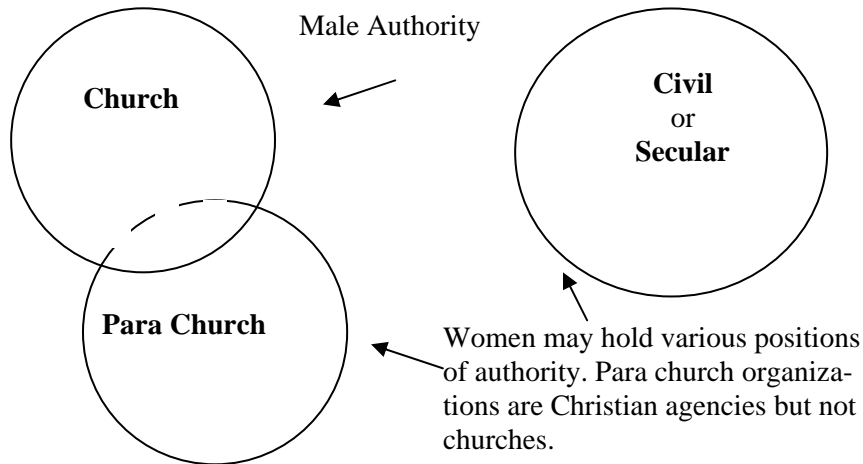
Sermon Notes -- Themes from Ephesians

“Male Authority in the Church and Related Questions” – Part C Ephesians 5:22-33

I. High points from last week.

A. I Corinthians 14:26-40

1. Women (even those gifted as prophetesses) may not sit in judgment over male prophets.
2. Illustration.



B. Ecclesiastical Authority

1. Ruling power of Elders imparted by Jesus.
 - a. Matthew 18:18; John 20:23
2. Examples in Paul's writing.
 - a. II Cor. 2:5-11; II Thes. 3:6-15; 1 Timothy 1:18-20; I Timothy 5:19-20; Titus 3:9-11
3. For further study of corrective authority see Pastor Don's book, "Corrective Church Discipline," Ch. 2. Available in the library.

II. Today's text.

A. I Timothy 2:11-15

1. Pastoral epistle in which Paul supplies instructions on church order and function.
2. Elders rebuked for not fulfilling responsibilities – Eze. 34:2b-4.
3. Background on Ephesus.

B. Forbidding of *teaching* (2:12).

1. General instruction is the task of all believers – Acts 18:26.
2. Paul's usage of *teaching*
– I Tim. 4:11-14; Matt. 28:20; 1 Tim. 6:2.
3. Women may not exercise ruling authority. (I Cor. 14:33-35; Eph. 5:22-24; Col. 3:18; Titus 2:4-5; I Peter 3:1-8)
 - a. All other teaching is wide open to women.
4. Background on *didaskein* (teach).
 - a. Referred to in regard to one woman who was not approved – Rev. 2:20.
 - b. But Paul commended Timothy and Titus to teach.
– I Tim. 4:11; 6:2; Titus 2:1. He encouraged faithful men to teach – II Timothy 2:2.
5. Husbands of one wife – I Tim 3:2; Titus 1:6; I Tim. 5:17
6. Commands laid down by the apostle.

C. Theological basis for female subordination – I Tim. 2:13-15.

1. Highly significant note – Gen. 2:7, I Cor. 11:8-9.
2. Dr. John Gerstner.

III. Points for Reflection

A. Authority and Submission to it is a good thing.

1. Ladies.
2. Young people.
3. Church members.