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What this message is about:

In this passage Paul gives instructions to Timothy about how men and women should worship (pray) in ways that reveal their submission to Christ and enhance the mission of the Church

Purpose of this message:

To explain as accurately and as humbly as possible, how this text can be understood and practiced in our contemporary setting.

1. _____ in public worship for _____
1Tim. 2:8
2. _____ in public worship for _____
1Tim. 2:9-10
3. **Conditions for** _____
1Tim. 2:11-15

Next Step:

This week read the following passages to get a more complete look at the issue of gender activities and relationships in the church:

Gen. 1:26-28, Gen. 2:18-25, Jn. 10:38-42, Acts 2:14-18, Acts 16:11-15, 40, Acts 18:26, Acts 21:8-9, Rom. 16:1-16, 1Cor. 11:2-16, 1Cor. 14:26, 34-35, 1Cor. 16:19, Gal. 3:27-29, Eph. 5:18-33, Phil. 4:2-3, Phil. 4:15, Col. 3:16, 1Tim. 3:11, 1Tim. 5:1-16, 2Tim. 1:5, 2Tim. 3:1-7, Titus 2:3-5, Heb. 5:12, 1Pet. 3:1-7, Putting all of these together, I believe, will reveal that men and women are equal before God but that there is an order in the Church that goes back to creation calling for loving, sacrificial leadership on the part of men, and a corresponding respect for that leadership on the part of women in the same way that Jesus submits to the Father.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Read all of 1Tim. 2. Where does God stop you?**
2. **How do you think 1Tim. 2:8-15 relates to the overall context of 1Timothy as you understand it so far.**

3. Read 1Tim. 5:9-16, and 2Tim. 3:1-9, how do these relate to the current passage?

4. In what ways have you seen men abuse or abandon the leadership they have been given in the Church? In what ways have you seen women ignore the submission and respect they are called to give in the Church? What has been the result?

5. Discuss this statement: "All Christian men should have the heart of an egalitarian when it comes to gender relationships in the Church and all women should have the heart of a complementarian. If this were the case we might have less friction."

6. How do you apply this passage if you are a man? If you are a woman?