

## **Growing Strong in Faith | Part 4**

Lesson 1

1 Timothy 2:9-15

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### **The Power of Women**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In our passage today, Paul is speaking to the church in Ephesus concerning the role of women in corporate worship. He addresses the way they come to worship, how they worship, and their salvation. For the purpose of this study, we will focus on four main areas, which include how women are to dress, what Paul mean by “good deeds,” what they are to learn, and women’s salvation.

This was a time in history when the Jews viewed women as being of no real value. It was also a time when women were influenced by the ungodly culture surrounding them. These two factors led to unacceptable behavior. According to NIV Study Bible Commentary, “women were living impure and self-centered lives”. This unsuitable behavior was carried over into worship meetings. In order to make a correction, Paul writes to Timothy concerning the issue of how women are acting during corporate worship and provides instructions on how women must behave.

Questions to ponder as you read through this passage and do this study might be, do Paul’s instructions apply to modern times, and if so, what does that look like?

***Memory Verse: “There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”—Galatians 3:28***

Pray, and read 1 Timothy 2:9-15. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

**OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?**

1. How does Paul say women should and should not dress in corporate worship? Why does he want women to “dress with good deeds”? (1 Timothy 2:9-10)
2. According to Paul, how should a woman learn? (1 Timothy 2:11-12)
3. What explanation does Paul give for why women are to learn using the above instructions? (1 Timothy 2:13-14)
4. How will women be saved? (1 Timothy 2:15)
5. What conditions does Paul put on women being saved? (1 Timothy 2:15)

## **INTERPRETATION: What do the passages mean?**

1. NIV Study Bible notes tell us that Paul was expressing caution in a society where “extravagant luxury and proud personal display” were prevalent. Why do you think Paul instructed women to “dress modestly” and not to wear “elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes” when coming to worship? (v. 9) What do think is a likely result of such adornment? (1 Peter 3:3-5) Note: MacArthur’s commentary tells us that this was causing distractions in the church.
  
2. Women are to dress modestly “...but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.” (v. 10) What is meant by good deeds? (Proverbs 31:13, 20, 31; 1 Timothy 5:10)
  
3. Paul says women should “learn in quietness and full submission.” (v. 11) According to the original Greek language, “learn” is a command, so Paul is commanding that women be taught in the church. What does he mean for women to learn in this way (1 Corinthians 14:34-35; 1 Timothy 2:12, 3:1-11)

4. Paul tells us that “...women will be saved through childbearing....” (v. 15) Do you think women must bear children in order to be spiritually saved?  
(Romans 3:22-24, 10:10-13; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Timothy 5:10; Titus 2:3-5)

**APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?**

1. What woman (or women) has had the greatest spiritual impact on your life? What characteristics did she have that made her unique to you? How is your life different because of her?

