

1 Who exactly is God talking to in verses 16 and 17 and what are the implications for family life and church life afterwards?

1 TIMOTHY 2:11-15

Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childhearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

EPHESIANS 5:17-33

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Read Genesis 2:18-25

- 2 Is God's statement in verse 18, "it is not good for man to be alone" a contradiction to what was said of creation in chapter 1 verse 30?
- 3 The fact that Genesis describes Eve as being made from the rib of Adam can sound like a fairytale. It definitely isn't something that happens every day, yet science can grow human body parts like skin and cartilage and bone in laboratory settings. As fantastic as it sounds, consider how this unique creation of Eve—as the completion of mankind and "helper" explains the relationship that God intended for man and woman.

- 4 Based on Genesis 2, what is a biblical definition of marriage? How does this marriage come about? How is the marriage confirmed and made official (e.g. is there a marriage ceremony or formal saying of vows prescribed by scripture)?
- **5** How do Jesus' words in Matthew 19:4-6 show that marriage is no casual union or mere tradition? .
- 6 What is the implication in the last verse of this chapter which says that Adam and Eve were both naked and felt no shame? Is nakedness good or bad? Is shame a bad thing?