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Many debates have risen over the role that a woman can fulfill in the Church.

Can a woman teach?

Can a woman preach?

What if there were no men, could a woman preach at that time?

Can a woman speak in the assembly?

What permits a woman to speak in a bible study?

What if that study is at the “church building”?

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I Corinthians 14 : 34 – 40

Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says. And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church. Or did the word of God come originally from you? Or was it you only that it reached? If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord. But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant.

Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order.

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I Timothy 2 : 8 – 15

I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control

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I Corinthians 14 : 34 – 40

Keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak;

Be submissive, as the law also says.

Ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church.

I Timothy 2 : 8 – 15

Learn in silence with all submission

Cannot teach or to have authority over a man

Be in silence.

She will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control

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I Corinthians 14 : 34 – 40

SILENT - 'sigao' - to keep silent; hold one's peace

'sige' – silence

NOT PERMITTED - 'epitrepo' - to turn over (transfer), that is, allow

SPEAK - 'laleo' - to talk, that is, utter words

SHAME - 'aischron' - a shameful thing, that is, indecorum

I Timothy 2 : 8 – 15

SILENCE - 'hesuchia' - (as noun) stillness, that is, desistance from bustle or language;

'hesuchios' - properly keeping one's seat (sedentary), that is, (by implication) still (undisturbed, undisturbing)

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I Corinthians 14 : 34 – 40

A woman cannot speak at all.

I Timothy 2 : 8 – 15

A woman can speak, but in subjection to another (man).

When does I Corinthians apply and when does I Timothy apply?

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I Corinthians 14 : 26, 34

How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says.

I Timothy 2 : 8 – 15

What location is given?

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I Corinthians 14 : 26, 34

You come together

‘sunerchomai’ - to convene, depart in company with, associate with, or (specifically) cohabit (conjugally); to assemble

Keep silent in the churches

‘ekklesia’ - a calling out, that is, (concretely) a popular meeting; in a Christian sense an assembly of Christians gathered for worship in a religious meeting

I Timothy 2 : 8 – 15

When would I Timothy apply?

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Can a woman teach?

Yes – I Timothy applies

A woman can teach, but cannot teach a man

Who is a woman allowed to teach?

Other women, children

Can a woman preach?

No – I Corinthians applies

“Keep silent in the churches, not permitted to speak.”

What if there were no men, could a woman preach at that time?

Doesn't matter, I Timothy does not apply here.

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Can a woman speak in the assembly?

No – I Corinthians applies

“keep silent in the church, not permitted to speak.”

What permits a woman to speak in a bible study?

I Timothy applies

Bible study is not an assembly of the church.

What if that study is at the “church building”?

Location does not change the scripture. Nor the type of meeting.