

1 Corinthians 11:1-16

A few things we must acknowledge about the text.

1. Paul is responding to actions taking place within the church.
 1. 7:1, 25, 8:1, 12:1 - Now about...
2. Customs are discussed and there is no consensus over what custom.
3. Women were praying and prophesying in public.
4. The only time the word authority is discussed is verse 10.
5. We cannot neglect to connect v.11 with the preceding discussion.
6. This passage is greatly debated regarding correct translation and meaning of numerous words.
7. If nature teaches that long hair is a disgrace why did God make long hair part of the Nazarite vow?

Setting The Context

Now about food sacrificed to idols...8:1 see esp. v 9 & 13

We put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ. 9:12

....I do all this for the sake of the gospel... 9:23

I have the right to do anything... No one should seek their own good, but the good of others. 10:23-24

So... whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. 10:31

I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.
10:33

Setting The Context

Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? 11:13

... the Spirit is given for the common good... 12:7

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