

1 Corinthians 11:1-16

Two Debated Words:

1. Head - Kephālē - source/origin vs. ruler/leader

H.G. Liddell and R. Scott Greek-English Lexicon

It is important to note that 8 & 12 refer origins.

If head means ruler/leader how do we reconcile v.3 - the head of Christ is God with 1 Cor. 15:28.

2. Other/Such - Toiautēn

Chiastic Structure of The Text:

A. 2-4

B. 4-7

C. 8-9

X. 10

C2. 11-12

B2. 13-15

A2 - 16

Recapping The Major Thoughts

How do we read the Bible?

We must be brave enough to admit that all of us pick and choose what we are going to live out in our faith. None of us live out everything the bible calls us to be and do, though most of us don't intentionally neglect things we are called to.

While there are sometimes clear and logical reasonings behind the way we pick and choose, we need to become aware of those and tread carefully not to demand that others pick and choose with the same methods that we do.

In reading we must remember the three major rules of interpretation!

1. Context. 2. Context. 3. Context.

Verses (introduced in 1551) must be placed within the context of paragraph, chapter, book, and The Book!

Following is a summary of what various women did in the Bible:

1. They were leaders.

1. Miriam- Micah 6:4
2. Deborah - Judges 4:4
3. Phoebe - Romans 16:2 - note the word prostatis (benefactor)

2. They were prophets who spoke God's word to the people.

1. Huldah - 2 Kings 22:14-15
2. Philip's four daughters - Acts 21:9
3. Women in the assembly - 1 Cor. 11:5

3. They were worship leaders of God's people.

1. Women in the assembly 1 Cor. 11:5
2. Each of you who has a... 1 Cor. 14:26-28&39
3. Seven women listed in Rom. 16 understood to have an influential role within the church in Rome.

4. They were ministers/servants/deacons of churches.

1. Priscilla - Rom. 16:3 - note the word synergos (co-worker)
2. Euodia & Syntyche Phil. 4:2-3 - note the word synergos
3. Synergos is the same word connected to Timothy, Titus, Epaphroditus, Philemon, Luke, and more.
4. Phoebe - diakonos is the same word Paul uses of himself. 1 Cor. 3:5, Eph. 3:7

5. They were teachers of men.

1. Priscilla taught Apollos.

6. Very possibly, they carried the same title "apostle" that Barnabas carried.

1. Junia - Rom. 16:7

Our interpretation of 1 Cor. 14:34-35 and 1 Tim. 2:11-12 must find harmony with the above actions. To say these passages apply in all situations for all times causes them to stand in stark contrast to the testimony of the rest of Scripture.