

April 1st - Russell's last class

April 8th - Elder's wrap up.

- Class time: The elders will summarize the study with a statement on what the Bible says with regard to gender roles in the assembly.
- Auditorium: The elders will make a brief announcement wrapping up the study.

April 15th - Class will be a feedback session to ask questions of the elders and to help the elders understand the thinking of the family.

April 22nd - Classes will be divided.

- The elders will meet with the women in the old fellowship hall.
- Russell will meet with the men in the main auditorium.

April 29th - Conclusion: The elders will conclude the study with a presentation in the auditorium setting out how we will apply the findings in our assemblies.

A woman should learn - this is radical!

The main verb of the sentence and the primary focus in the Greek is learning. In fact learn is the only imperative verb in 8-15.

Why is Paul so emphatic about a woman learning?

Quietness and full submission are not verbs. They are nouns in the dative case.

Quietness is the same word that is applied to how men are to live their lives as well.

Submission is also a common word used in the N.T. to discuss relationships.

I Do Not Permit - Epitrepo

Epitrepo has oúk in front of it. This particle negates the action of the verb causing it to change from positive action to negative action.

This word is not an imperative verb but a present active verb.

It is surprising, given Paul's use of paraggello (command) in the letter, that he chose to use epitrepo in 2:12.

English does not contrast the difference of tone between these two words used by Paul.

To teach... begs a couple of questions.

What do we do with 1 Corinthians 11 where women were prophesying?

If women are to remain silent in the assembly and are not to teach a man what do we do with Colossians 3:16 and Ephesians 5:19?

Colossians 3:16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Ephesians 5:19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord...

There is no passage in the N.T. that permits women to teach as long as they do it without have authority over men, or are doing it under the authority of the elders.