What Can Women Do?

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INTRODUCTION

- What can women do? What can women do in the church?
- There are many misunderstandings about the role of women in the church.
- At the end of the day, the only thing that really matters is God. It's what God says and what God allows.

1 What Women Are Not Allowed to Do

1 Timothy 2:11–12; 1 Timothy 3:15

- But I do not allow a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man but to remain quiet.
- In the context of these verses, Paul is talking about the church. He is talking about how Christians are to conduct themselves in the church.
- That word quiet that Paul uses there comes from a Greek word that points to demeanor. It does not mean that she's to be absolutely silent in the assembly.
- The reason why women don't do those kinds of things in the assembly is because of the Bible.

2 Because of the Order of Creation

1 Timothy 2:13–15

- The reasoning Paul gives here is because of the roles that God gave men and women in the beginning. It's because of the order of creation.
- God made men to lead. They were made to lead in the family. They were made to lead in the church.
- He made women to do something that men can't do, and that's have babies.

3 God Values Women

Romans 16:1–15; Luke 8:1–3; Galatians 3:26–29

- God values women. He values women. He loves women just as much as he loves men.
- Paul is letting us know that in this church there were many faithful Christian women who were making a positive impact in the kingdom of God.
- There's neither Jew nor Greek, there's neither slave nor free man, there's neither male nor female, for you're all one.
- Even though men and women have different roles in the family and in the church, they both get to enjoy the same blessings in Christ.

4 Teaching Our Kids and Teaching Us in Song

Ephesians 5:19

- Talking about the important work they do of teaching our kids.

- They are women who are doing the very important work of planting the word of God in the hearts of young people.
- Speaking to one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord.
- We were being taught by women in the assembly through their singing with a submissive spirit.

5 Encouraging, Serving Families, Evangelizing, Teaching Younger Women

Acts 9:39; Titus 2

- All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them.
- The most important work God has given them and that's the work of serving their families.
- They're also like men are commanded to evangelize. They're commanded to evangelize and try to win the lost.
- Older women are required to teach the younger women. That's Titus chapter 2.

6 She Has Done What She Could

Mark 14:6–8

- Let her alone. Why do you bother her? She's done a good deed to me.
- She has done what she could. She's anointed my body beforehand for burial.
- This woman is being persecuted for her service and Jesus stands for her.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do what God made you to do. See all the ways that you can serve.**

MY NOTES