

# Lesson 24 : Manhood & Womanhood in the Church



**Rejoicing in God's Good Design**

# Review

## MEN

Created in God's image

## WOMEN

Created in God's image

There is a fundamental equality  
between men and women

Designed for work

Designed for helping

Cursed regarding  
his work

Cursed regarding her  
closest relationships



# Review

## MEN

Called to masculinity

There are complementary differences between men and women

Instructed to exercise headship in the home

Special role given to men that both husbands and wives recognize

Instructed to exercise oversight in the church

## WOMEN

Called to femininity

Instructed to show submission in the home

Instructed to not be a church overseer

# Authority in the Church

Ephesians 2:19-22 →

Matthew 16:18-19 →

John 16:12-14 →

2 Corinthians 13:10

CHRIST

Apostles & Prophets

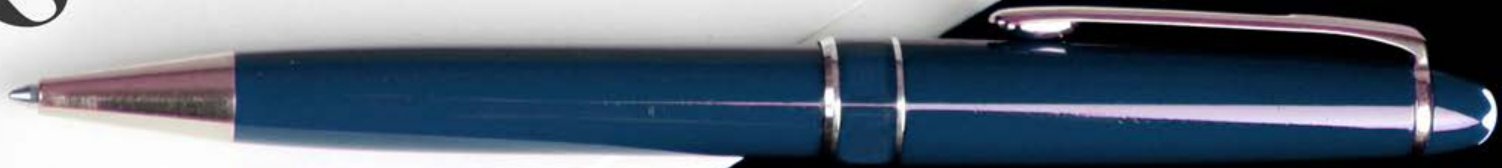
(The words of Christ were entrusted to them, through the Holy Spirit; wrote with the authority of Christ Himself.)





# Illustration

Power of Attorney



# Authority in the Church

Full Authority of Christ →

Oversight to the church →

CHRIST



Apostles & Prophets



BIBLE:  
WRITTEN WORD



Church Leaders



# The Extent of Overseers' Authority

## **Authority + Responsibility**

Leaders will have to give an account before God.



# Qualifications for Overseers

## 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Qualifications for elder or overseer: **MAN**



Wise and  
responsible  
authority

Christ-like,  
faithful, pure  
oversight of  
family



Wise and  
responsible  
authority

Further oversight of  
the family of God



# The Role of Overseer

1 Timothy 2:9-15

## WOMEN

Respectable apparel,  
with modesty and  
self-control . . . and  
good works

~~Elder/overseer~~

## MEN

Pray without anger or  
quarreling

Elder/overseer

Able to teach

Able to manage

# Role of Overseer Restricted to Men

1 Timothy 2:9-15

Reasons women are restricted from role of elder:

- God's design at Creation and the order of creation (Adam's headship over Eve)
- The Fall (Eve deceived by the serpent)

**Creation order and the nature of deception  
have not changed.**

# Woman and the Church

1 Corinthians 14:33b-35

Women allowed to pray out loud and even prophecy at gatherings of the church (1 Corinthians 11:5).

Women restricted from authoritative teaching and governance of the church.



# Women: Workers in the Church

Though the role of elder is restricted to men, there are countless other roles that women can fill.



# Men: Train for Church Leadership

Young men should pursue the training and character that would fit them for servant-leadership in the church:









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