

**Greater Works Christian Church**  
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**This is for ALL the Powerful Ladies of GWCC**

**To ALL the Ladies:** Thank you!

Thank you for all your hard work; your diligence; our prayers, and the beauty you bring to the church.

GWCC has the BEST parties, Passover Seders, Christmas Parties, Weddings, etc. because of all you ladies that come together and make it happen.

Thank you! You make GWCC the best church on the planet.

**A Wise Woman builds Her House**

**Proverbs 14:1**

The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.

GWCC is strong, resilient, anointed, wise, called, rooted and grounded in truth, because of the strength of the women in the house. You have built the house of GWCC in strength and honor.

**To the Men - *Pray Like a Woman***

**Luke 18:1-8**

1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

Jesus addresses the men. This parable was an admonition to the men to pray without losing heart (giving up). The following passages were directed primarily at the men.

2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.

3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'

4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man,

5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' "

6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said.

7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?

8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

This parable shows that MEN are to pray and keep praying until the answer comes. Why did Jesus use a widow woman as the center point of this parable? Women were expected to be seen and not heard, and Widows were often considered cursed. Jesus took what was most challenging to the male ego and propped it up as better and stronger than them.

It's as if Jesus was saying, "Men, if you cannot pray in this manner, you are less than a man."

***What Men are to Learn for this Parable:***

- *Pray Always*
- *Never Give Up (continue until you have the answer)*
- *Face your opposition head on*
- *Stay true to your faith in Christ*

These things the ladies all around us are already living up to. The women of GWCC are pressing in tenaciously and great things are being released into this church through their prayers.

Basically, Jesus was telling the Men, "Go find a praying woman and try to out prayer her. Then when you do, keep going." For us Men at GWCC, all we have to do is show up at any prayer meeting and we will find Praying Women.

**Women Be Silent in Church – *Wait... Um, What?***

**1 Corinthians 14:34-35**

34 Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but *they are* to be submissive, as the law also says.

35 And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church.

I want to deal with 2 passages of scripture that many have used to keep women "in check". The misuse of these passages has been a form of sexism and control against women. I want to briefly address this issue primarily for the men.

**1 Timothy 2:8-13**

8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

9 in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,

10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

Most Men that hold to the idea that women are to be quiet, and never in a teaching position in a church have missed some vital truths about this concept.

***Let's start here-***

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These 2 verses speak more to the Husband than it does to the Wife.

v.34) For a woman to be submissive to the husband, the husband must be a man of character (worthy of being submitted to). In the Corinthian Church it appears that the Men were weak in the areas of proper leadership in the home.

v.35) One of the reasons the women were speaking and asking questions in the Church was because the husbands were not teaching their wives the Word of God at home. It was shameful to the husband for his wife to have to ask questions about the Bible in an opening meeting. This pointed to the fact that he was doing a bad job at home teaching and training his family in godliness.

***Continuing...***

**1 Timothy 2:11-12 (8-13)**

11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

These are the 2 verses in this passage that most focus on. To focus only on these 2 verses will cause us to have a warped view of the overall passage and what it means.

This is akin to what Paul wrote to the Corinthian Church. Again, this points to a breakdown among the husbands more than unruly wives.

**1 Timothy 2:8**

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Paul instructs the Men of the church to “pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands...” Paul put the burden of prayer NOT on the women, but on the men. In this passage and in 1 Corinthians 14:34-35, Paul puts the burden on Men, to teach their wives the word of God.

If men are doing what God has ordained them to do, the women around us wouldn't need to do our job. If Husbands prayed and taught the word of God as they should, the women wouldn't need to do these things on those levels.

Also, keep in mind, the Corinthian church was a young church in a Pagan land. The city of Corinth was believed to be protected by Aphrodite (a pagan goddess).

**Aphrodite**- is an ancient Greek goddess associated with love, beauty, pleasure, passion, and protection. The cult of Aphrodite was largely derived from that of the Phoenician goddess Astarte, a cognate of the East Semetic goddess Ishtar (easter), whose cult was based on the Sumerian cult of Inanna. Her main festival was the Aphrodisia, which was celebrated annually in midsummer. She was also patron goddess of prostitutes....

*Much of the prostitution in these pagan temples was homosexual in nature (my own note).*

With the Male – Female relationship perverted in this city as it was, Paul was wanting to bring the Church into proper order by bring Husbands and Wives into proper order.

#### **As to Timothy**

- Timothy was raised by a Greek father and a Jewish mother
- His faith was shaped by his mother and grandmother (strong women)
- He was not circumcised until he began traveling with Paul
- This shows that his father most likely opposed Judaism
- Timothy was with Paul in Corinth for about 18 months

Timothy understood the dangers of paganism, including the way paganism perverted the family structure. Paul wrote to Timothy similar thing as he did to Corinth, and for the same reasons.

**Conclusion:** The Proverbs 31 woman

#### **Proverbs 31:23**

Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land.

When husbands rise up and take their rightful place in the Home, Church and Society, our Wives and Daughters will be released to do the Extraordinary.