

# WOMEN AS TEACHERS / *1 Timothy 2:14*

Three views held by Christians on the role of women hinge on how one interprets 1 Timothy 2:9-15.

Nonauthoritative

These people see Paul as expressing his own opinion, not God's, or believe that this passage of Scripture was added later by someone other than Paul. They do not see these words as the Word of God—or as relevant to modern practice.

Authoritative, but culturally limited

This view holds that Paul targeted the Ephesian culture and limited the role of women for this situation and others like it. The general principle to apply today is that we must not hinder the gospel.

Authoritative and absolute

This view holds that women should not be in authority over men in roles such as pastor, elder, or deacon. There is some variety of application as to limits of women's privileges in teaching, such as in Christian schools or in missionary roles.