

# LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

## SERMON OUTLINE

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Titus 2:3-5 / 1<sup>st</sup>. Cor 14:33-35

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**RECAP:** Last week, we looked at the passage in Colossians that deals with wives and marriage, specifically with their role in relation to their husband. Col. 3:18, and Eph. 5:23 are the key texts that deal with this issue.

- **Preface:** All throughout Scripture, there is a great deal of importance and primacy placed on marriage. MacArthur on this passage starts off his commentary and his sermon on Ephesians 5 with the same admonishment. Family and marriage are central to Scripture and central to the church! **Gen. 2, Proverbs 18:22, 1<sup>st</sup>. Cor. 7:8-9.**
  
- **Titus 2:3-5**
  - This letter is singular in that here Paul gives out very practical, very specific principles to various types of people that make up the church. He counsels men, women, young, old, slaves and masters, etc., all in their various contexts and settings.
  - Those who argue stating that women are not to lead in any setting whatsoever clearly haven't read this passage. This text in fact encourages older women to be involved and even "train" younger women up in godly behavior.
  - **Question:** Does this mean women should work only at home? Does this mean homemaker is the only proper vocation for a wife, or she can't get a job?
  - **Answer:** No! But it does make clear: It is the wife's central responsibility to be home-focused. It is her duty and calling by God to be accomplishing her goals and her life for the ultimate good of her family. She is to be home-centered and home-focused ultimately.
  - **Conclusion:** So wives are to be submissive to husbands, and wives are to be focused on caring for and loving their husbands and children in a home context, realizing that this plays a part in raising up godly individuals and families for the cause of Christ.
  
- **1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 14:34-35**
  - Realize the setting: Paul is talking in this chapter about church function. There are issues going on in the Corinthian church; chaos, people talking over one another, multiple prophets and speakers at once, and general confusion as to what church should look like.
  - Do they mean wives literally are to not speak while in church on any level? Does it mean women are supposed to be mute doormats while in church? No!
  - Note the key phrase here, "as the Law also says." The Mosaic Law also had constraints upon women in the Jewish synagogue, where it was clear; only men, after a certain age, were allowed to actually read from the OT Scriptures. **1<sup>st</sup>. Tim. 2:8-15.**
  - Men, and husbands, are to be the spiritual leaders of their wives, and of greater church teaching and authority. The problem in Corinthians was not that women were speaking at all; but rather that they were speaking in authority, over men and women alike, and not deferring to the headship and leadership of their husbands.
  
- **Conclusion: So then, in finality: Note the role of the wife in marriage, as last week had, in submission to her spiritual leader and head. Then also note her importance and primacy**

**in taking care of home and family.**