

Men and women in the church

1 Corinthians 11:2-16, p. 930

- I. GOD DESIGNED LEADERSHIP ROLES IN HEAVEN AND IN THE CHURCH (1 CORINTHIANS 11:2-3).
 - A. We honor God by not ignoring any teaching of scripture (11:2).
 - B. God's leadership order is God, Christ, man and woman (11:3).
 1. Men as leaders must follow Christ (11:1, 3a).
 2. Women must follow men elders (11:3b; 1 Timothy 2:8; 3:2-7).
 - God holds men more accountable since they are leaders.
 - God holds women accountable to follow godly leaders.
 3. In the trinity, Christ submits and obeys the Father (11:3c).
- II. MEN AND WOMEN IN WORSHIP SHOULD DRESS TO RESPECT GOD-GIVEN ROLES (1 CORINTHIANS 11:4-10).
 - A. Corinthian men praying – uncovered heads (11:4)
 - To look like a woman would be shameful.
 - B. Corinthian women praying – covered heads (11:5-7)
 - To look like a man would be shameful.
 - C. The creation order illustrates God's order (11:8-10).
- III. MEN AND WOMEN HAVE COMPLEMENTARY ROLES – DEPENDENT ON EACH OTHER (1 CORINTHIANS 11:11-16).
 - A. Equal value – In Christ, men and women have equal value and are vitally dependent on each other's strengths (11:11-12).
 - B. Distinct identity – While spiritually equal, men and women honor God's order by maintaining distinct identities (11:13-16).