

Agathos Women 5

1 Timothy 2:12. *“But I suffer not a _____, nor to _____ over the man, but to be in _____.”*

Woman to Teach, Usurp Authority, Silence

“Man” may be translated as either MoH: _____

“Woman” may be translated as WoW: _____

Man or Husband, Woman or Wife

“to Teach” means Instruct, Socratic Teaching (questioning someone as a teacher leading them to a conclusion), Instill Doctrine, Explain, Expound (explain in detail, “unpack”).

“nor usurp” means “_____,” “_____” or “_____” to have...

to Not Take by Force, But Not, Not Even

“authority” is “authenteo” - which includes BtA: _____,

aAM: _____, G: _____,

EDO: _____. The word goes so far as having the power to “kill” (literally, but perhaps also metaphorically)

Be the Authority, an Absolute Authority, Governor, Exercise Dominion Over

“Silence” means S: _____ - not making sound, but also means, Q: _____ as in temperament or conduct, not in sound. More completely, it is a “description of the life of one who stays at home doing his own work, and does not officiously meddle with the affairs of others.”

Silence, Quietness

Officiously means OA: _____

Objectionably Aggressive

1 Timothy 2:12 may properly be translated *“But I do not permit a wife to be her husband’s doctrinal instructor, nor to have ultimate authority over her husband, but to attend to her proper place as a wife.”*

This understanding of 1 Timothy 2:12 is more consistent with Galatians 3:28. Most of the time you see clear instruction where men have an obligation to serve as leader, and women have an obligation to submit to leadership or not assume leadership, it is consistently in the husband/wife relationship.

Given an ambiguity, some churches would rather err on the side of being conservative. In this case, if it appears God MIGHT have intended that a woman not ever teach or preach or instruct if a man is in the audience, they will not ever allow it “just in case.” This is perfectly legitimate!

Agathos would rather err on the side of Freedom. We do NOT want to tell God that as far as we are concerned, He is not permitted to ever call a woman to leadership if there are men to be instructed. The Agathos way is this: Short of being the final authority over her own husband, a woman might be called by God to teach, to lead, and to wield authority.

Titus 2:3-5 speaks of older women teaching younger women. No church has ever had any problem with women teaching women or girls. Most have no problem with women teaching children (but some do have a problem with women teaching boys!). Many churches are okay with a woman teaching so long as there is a man in church over her. A few are okay with a woman as a senior pastor.

At Agathos, we believe God may call a woman to any position He chooses. We are open to that. There might be a particular group God intends to reach, and a particular woman might be just the person to do it.