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What makes this text so challenging?

1. It is prohibiting something.
2. It is making a distinction of roles in worship according to gender.
3. It is out of step with our culture.
4. It seems to be out of step with biblical freedoms. Gal. 28
5. Contemporary thought dismisses it as a "choose your own adventure."

What helps us with this passage?

1. Letting this passage be read with a good "hermeneutical lens."
2. Avoiding "creative escape hatches."

3. Accepting that you have a “lens” and asking God to use His word to clarify it!

I. A Call to Protect Learning - 1:11

A. This is a call to Timothy to protect an environment of worship for women.

B. Women are full disciples called to grow.

1. With a serious and attentive spirit.

2. With a joyful submission and partnership to God’s authority.

II. A Call to Clarify Burden - 1:12

A. Tale of two very different goals:

1. To silence women

2. To clarify roles and free women

B. Women are not given the responsibility of preaching.

C. Women are not given the responsibility of spiritual oversight.

III. A Creation Justification - 1:13-14

A. Paul grounds his reasoning in the created order of God.

B. Paul grounds his reasoning in the broken results of violating God's design.

IV. A Creation Affirmation - 1:15

A. Childbearing is not a means of salvation.

B. Paul seems to be referencing a woman's embrace of her unique role and differences from a man.

C. Paul is affirming that a woman who embraces her role draws people to salvation and all its blessings.