

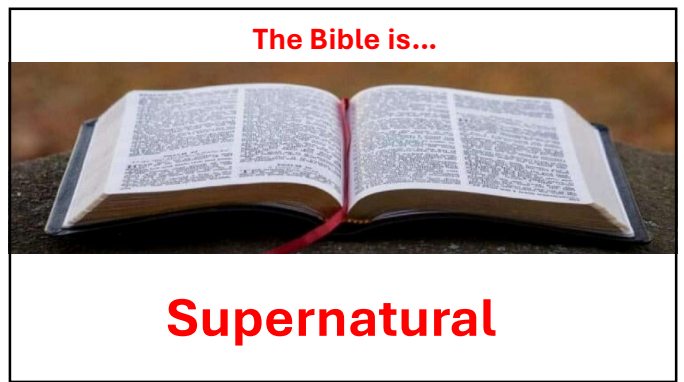
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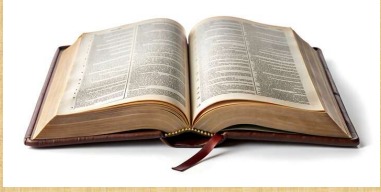
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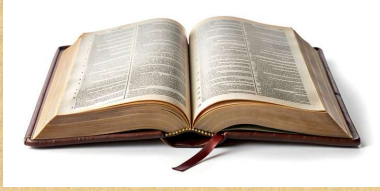


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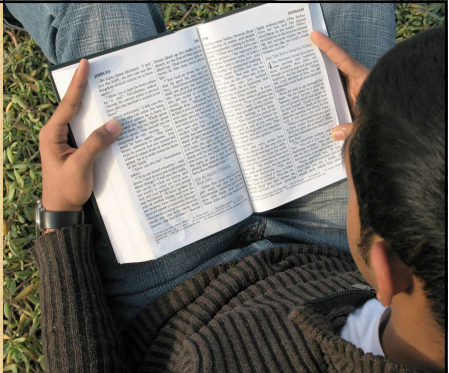
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**HOW TO
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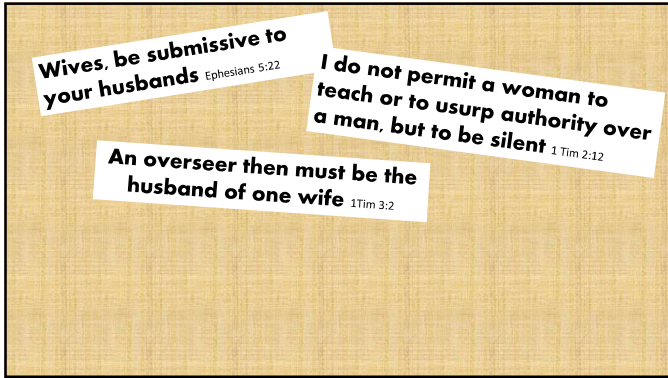
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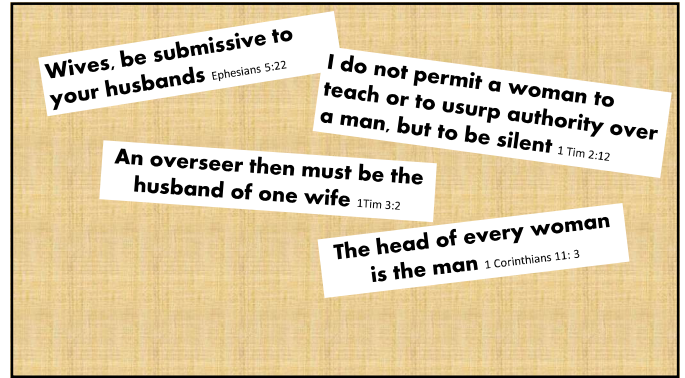
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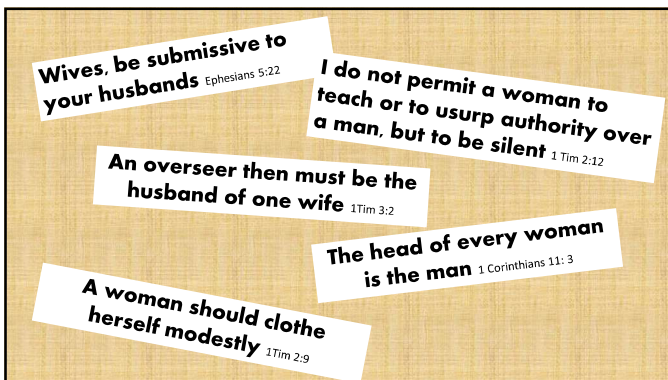
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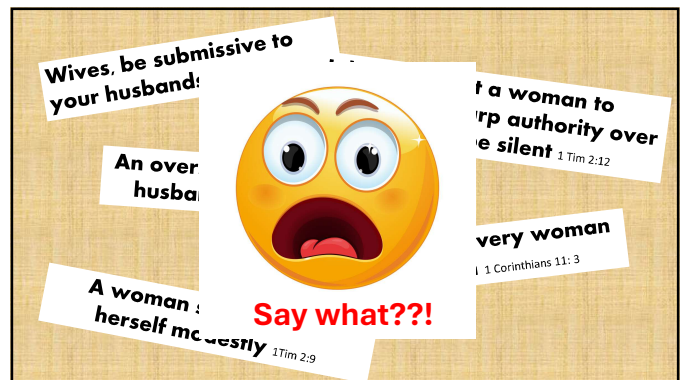
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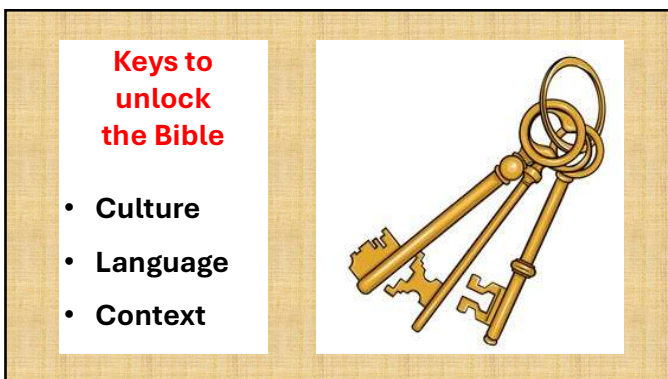
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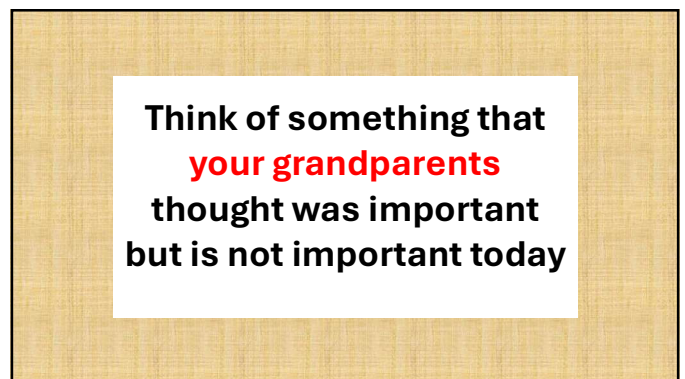
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CULTURE

"The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there"

L.P. Hartley "The Go Between"



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1 Timothy chapter 2

• Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. ⁹ I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, ¹⁰ but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God. ¹¹ A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴ And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. ¹⁵ But women will be saved through childbearing – if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

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- Greek & Roman women showed their wealth & status by their clothes, jewellery, hair & make up
- Wealthy women wore brightly coloured clothes and they employed private hairdressers to create elaborate styles



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Temple of Artemis at Ephesus



Temple of Aphrodite at Corinth



Temple of Juno at Crete

- Worship of female goddess led by women priests
- Spiritual devotion was shown by a woman cutting off hair
- Goddesses were thought to protect women from dying in childbirth
- Female creation myths encouraged ideas of female supremacy

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- Child birth was more dangerous than it is today due to poor understanding of medicine, hygiene & anatomy
- It was common for pregnant women to wear amulets to protect against harm or to offer special prayers to female goddesses



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- Access to learning was not widely available for most Greek and Roman women
- Girls were taught how to run a household and look after children
- Learning to read & write was more available to women in wealthy families but even this was limited



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1 Timothy chapter 2

Culture	Bible	Meaning
Value comes from beauty & clothes	...dress modestly	Your value does not depend on clothes
Women don't need to learn much	... learn in quietness	You should have a space to learn
Women are superior to men	... no authority over men	Don't dominate men
Women were created before men	... Adam was formed first	Trust the Bible not pagan myths
Pagan amulets will protect you	... women saved by childbearing	Faith in God will protect you

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1 Timothy chapter 1 verses 1,2 & 12


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- Roman and Greek society put a strong value on **good behaviour** such as being modest, loyal and self – controlled
- A person who behaved badly was often the subject of **gossip and shame**



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- Greek and Roman culture valued **faithfulness in marriage** very highly
- If someone's wife or husband died then it was seen as very good behaviour to **never marry again** ("UNIVIRA" in Latin)
- Very respected women could then be described as "wife of one husband" and men as "the husband of one wife"



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Bad behaviour will bring shame on Yourself & your family	...above reproach	Bad behaviour will bring shame on your faith, church & God
You should marry only once	...husband of one wife	You should marry only once


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Titus 2 AD 64



urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God

Roman coffin AD 62



Here lies Valeria, daughter of Marcus, of free-born status from Caesarea in Mauritania. She was kind, affectionate, dignified, blameless, she loved her husband, loved her children, kept the marriage bed chaste.

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Summary

Paul encouraged:

- Women to learn
- Leaders to have high moral standards
- Women to value good deeds above fashion
- Women to trust God for safe childbirth

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What could this sentence mean?

“Jack took the lead”

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LANGUAGE

The New Testament was



Written in	Translated into	Translated into	Updated into
Greek	Latin	Old English	Modern English
AD 100	300	1300	1881

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αὐθεντεῖν
Greek =
“authentein”

Only used ONCE in NT

General culture or a particular couple?

Not the healthy use of power but bullying & manipulation

Has the meaning “**to powerfully dominate**”

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Wives should **submit** to their husbands Ephesians 5 : 24


ὑποτάσσω
Greek =
“hupotassomai”

Some translations give meaning as “**submit**”

More recent translations given meaning as “**united to**” or “**partnering with**”

“tasso” is a military term for soldiers standing shoulder to shoulder in order to face an enemy. Giving the sense of “**wives defend / stand by your husbands**”

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Summary

When reading the Bible it is helpful to:

- Look at key words in the **original language**
- Read several **different English versions**
- Avoid being too dogmatic!

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School Report

“Alex’s computer skills are very impressive”

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Pre-School Report


“Alex’s computer skills are very impressive for a 3 year old”



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CONTEXT

- What else does Paul say on this topic?
- How does this fit with the whole of Scripture?



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1 Corinthians 14

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Paul encourages EVERYONE to participate but to do so in an ORDERLY way

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There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in

Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

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Summary

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- Read the whole chapter not just one verse
- Use search tools to explore the topic in other parts of the Bible
- Look for overarching themes

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Useful references

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https://juniaproject.com	Women in the church today
https://www.greekbible.com	Original Greek version of any verse
https://ntwrightpage.com	Explaining the Bible very clearly

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Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105 ESV

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