 *“If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”* Psalm 11:3

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.* Genesis 1:27

I. Consider The Biblical PATTERNS

**A. Of CHRIST**

***22****And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord****23****(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”).* Luke 2:22-23

**B. Of The APOSTLES**

***13****And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles:****14****Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew,****15****and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot,****16****and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.* Luke 6:13-16

**C. Of The EARLY CHURCH**

***5****This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you—****6****if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination.* ***7****For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,****8****but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.* ***9****He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.* Titus 1:5-9

**D. Of MARRIAGE**

***22****Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.****23****For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.* ***24****Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.* Ephesians 5:22-24

***18****Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.****19****Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.* Colossians 3:18-19

*Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands.* 1 Peter 3:1

II. Consider The Biblical PASSAGES

**A. 1 Timothy 2:8-15**

***8****I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;****9****likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire,****10****but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works.*

***11****Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness.****12****I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet.****13****For Adam was formed first, then Eve;****14****and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.****15****Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.*

**B. 1 Corinthians 11:2-16**

***2****Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you.****3****But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.* ***4****very man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head,****5****but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since it is the same as if her head were shaven.****6****For if a wife will not cover her head, then she should cut her hair short. But since it is disgraceful for a wife to cut off her hair or shave her head, let her cover her head.* ***7****For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man.****8****For man was not made from woman, but woman from man.****9****Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.****10****That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.****11****Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman;****12****for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God.****13****Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a wife to pray to God with her head uncovered?****14****Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him,****15****but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering.****16****If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God.*

**C. 1 Corinthians 14:33-38**

*As in all the churches of the saints,****34****the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says.****35****If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.* ***36****Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached?****37****If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord.****38****If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.****39****So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.****40****But all things should be done decently and in order.*

1 Corinthians 14:33-38

III. Consider The Egalitarian POSITION

**A. There is neither MALE nor FEMALE in Christ.**

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* Galatians 3:28

**B. 1 Timothy 2 refers to HUSBANDS and WIVES specifically.**

***11****Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness.****12****I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet.*1 Timothy 2:11-12

**C. What about PRISCILLA and PHOEBE?**

*He [Apollos] began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.*Acts 18:26

***1****I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae,* ***2****that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.* Romans 16:1-2