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Biblically Based Authority

1 Corinthians 11:2-16

A debate rages in the world today over gender and gender roles. Patriarchy and misogyny are routinely used to discredit any distinction between male and female. God's word speaks specifically, clearly, and forcefully to this debate. God created a distinction between and ordained distinct functions for male and female. Distinction of function is observed through God's principle of authority.

**Additional Verses:**

Genesis 1:26-27

Matthew 26:36-46

John 1:1, 5:19

Galatians 1:6-7, 3:28

Philippians 2:5-8

Hebrews 12:1-2

**Outline:**

1. Authority is a God ordained principle.
2. Authority reflects God's glory.

3. Authority does not negate dependency.

4. Authority manifests itself through culturally appropriate norms.

**Application:**

1. Violation of the principle corrupts society.

2. Violation of the principle corrupts the church.

**Study Questions:**

1. How does submitting to authority reflect God's glory?

2. How does this passage teach men and women are dependent on each other? How should this operate in marriage and in the church?

3. When and where is the principle of headship established in Scripture? Why is this important? What does it teach us about headship today?

4. What culturally appropriate norms in our society distinguish between man and woman?

5. What are the dangerous results in society and the church when these principles are ignored?

6. Why does this passage not teach that women are inferior or less than men?

7. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?