

**Bereans Bible Institute**  
**Module IX – The Christian Home**  
**Lesson 9 – Godly Christian Women (Quietness in the Assembly)**

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1 Cor. 14:33-38 LGV

33 *As in all the assemblies of the saints, 34 keep your women in the assemblies hushed...*

A. A new sentence begins in the middle of verse 33 (Orthodox, Nestle's, UBS Greek).

1. *As in all the assemblies of the saints, keep your women in the assemblies hushed...*

a. "assemblies" is plural twice (here only).

b. This was the universal practice (not just among the Greek assemblies)

c. In the Temple (court of women) & synagogues, genders were separated in worship and instruction.

d. Barrier removed in Christian assemblies (Eph. 2:14; Gal. 3:28)

B. "**hushed**" – same word used in **VS. 28** (*no interpreter*) & **VS. 30** (*another begins to prophesy*)

1. This command implies there was a problem at Corinth with some women.

2. "**Hushed**" implies peace, calm, lack of disturbance.

**1 Timothy 2:11-14** "11 Have the women learn in quietness with all subjection. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach [instruct] or to be independent of man, but to be in quietness. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived. But the woman, having been deceived, has become in violation."

a. **2 Thess. 3:12** Men instructed to "work with their own hands" in "quietness."

3. Refrain from all speech which implies independence or authority.

4. Does not refer to congregational singing, or even solos.

5. Does not refer to personal prayers (except leading/addressing God for congregation).

34 ... *for they have not been given permission to discourse, BUT to be in subjection, ...*

A. "have not been granted to discourse" (perfect tense, points back to Eden)

B. "Discourse" indicates independence from husband: "dialogue," "address" (her opinion, independent of her husband's thoughts).

C. "But to be in submission" speaking out comes from boldness & independent thought.

Remaining quiet implies subjection, differing to her husband's opinions.

34 ... *Accordingly the Law says also.*

A. **Gen. 3:16** "You will desire to dominate your husband, but he will rule over you."

B. **Numbers 30:1-16** Fathers overrule daughters, husbands overrule wives (except divorced or widowed)

35 *Yet if they desire to learn anything, have them interrogate their own husbands at home.*

A. In the synagogues: men discussed the Scriptures, "interrogated" expressed opinions.

B. Questioning can imply disagreement or a contrary opinion.

C. Questioning is good in the right setting to resolve issues.

D. Women questioning is not appropriate in the assembly, implies equality and independence.

*For it is disgraceful for women to discourse in the assembly.*

A. Shameful – same as 1 Cor. 11:6 "But, if it is dishonorable/shameful to a woman to shear herself ..."

36 *Or did the Word of God originate from you? Or did it arrive to you only?*

A. Implication: No authority to impose Greek culture on God's assembly. (Do what is considered appropriate among all the assemblies, not what is appropriate in your culture).

37 *If anyone presumes to be a prophet or spiritual, have him recognize that what I write to you are the instructions of the Master!*

A. These are the instructions of Jesus Himself for His assemblies.

38 *But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant.*

A. Willful ignorance. Some were contentious as in 1 Cor. 11:16.