

# A Woman's Place?

Untangling Paul's  
Statements about Women

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    - 1 Corinthians 11:2-16
    - 1 Corinthians 14:34-35
    - 1 Timothy 2:11-15
  - Unlimited?
    - Romans 16:1-7 (cf. 1 Cor 1:11)
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  - Women were not kept from public roles in church
  - Some women were involved in church planting
  - Paul pressed for less hierarchical marriages
  - Paul viewed gender differences as fundamental but not a matter of superiority

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  - A slippery slope?
  - Generosity or fence-building?