

Proper Conduct in the House of God

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I. Timothy's Charge (Chapter 1)

- *promote sound doctrine by confronting the false teachers and their doctrines (1:3-4)*
- *fight the good fight (1:18-19)*

II. Timothy's Instructions (Chapters 2-6)

- *men/women (chapter 2)*
- *leaders (chapter 3)*

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τις (tis): *anyone*

- “anyone”/“whoever” [ESV, NET, NIV, NLT, RSV]
- “man” [KJV, NKJV, NAS]

The office of elder is limited to men because...

- ✓ “the husband of one wife” (3:2)
- ✓ “able to teach” (3:2) *Cf. 1 Timothy 2:12*

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Can a woman be a deacon?

γυνή: woman/wife

- “wives” (ESV, KJV, NKJV, HCSB, NET, NLT). This would refer to the wives of the deacons.
- “women” (NAS, NIV). This would refer to women deacons.

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