

*God's Way*  
*1 Corinthians 11:7-16*

*"We must see the broader attack on authority as a direct Satanic strategy to destroy our society and millions of individual lives. The devil is accomplishing this with two main attacks: first, the corruption of authority; second, the rejection of authority. These ideas of authority and submission to authority are so important to God that they are part of His very being. The First Person of the Holy Trinity is called the Father; the Second Person of the Holy Trinity is called the Son. Inherent in those titles is a relationship of authority and submission to authority. The Father exercises authority over the Son, and the Son submits to the Father's authority – and this is in the very nature and being of God! Our failure to exercise Biblical authority, and our failure to submit to Biblical authority, isn't just wrong and sad, it sins against the very nature of God. Remember 1 Samuel 15:23: For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft." Guzik*

- I. Proper headship in the home and in the church was put in place at creation. Rebellion against recognizing and submitting to the way God set up leadership, is direct rebellion against the headship of Jesus Christ. The culture doesn't change his headship, nor can it. It might think that it has, live like it has, and put things in place that show otherwise, but Christ will always be the head of both his church and mankind. God says that man is to be the head of woman in the church and in marriage. The church may ignore this, and marriages may ignore this, but it does not nullify that fact that the headship of man is an unchanging directive by God himself. We breathe spiritual health and blessings into the church and into marriages, when we submit to God's way.

1 Cor. 11:7-9

2 Tim. 3:1-5

Gen. 1:26

Gen. 2:7

Gen. 2:18, 20-24

- II. How we live our lives as followers of Jesus Christ is of great concern to the good and holy spiritual forces in high places. God sent his angels as ministering spirits to watch over and protect us while here on earth. They are present when we gather to worship corporately, and they are greatly concerned that we worship in ways that honor the King. Any deviation from the way God set up headship offends them. They were present at creation and fully understand the principle of headship God set up between Christ and his church, between man and woman, and between God and his Son.

1 Cor. 11:10

Isa. 6:2

Heb. 1:14

Eph. 3:10-11

**Hebrews 1:14** *Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation.*

- III. Paul makes it clear that neither sex is inferior or superior. Neither has lesser or greater status before him. We were all bought at a price, equally given his righteousness, equally made holy, equally indwelt by the Spirit and equally sealed unto the day of redemption. Men and women cannot exist without each other, but in that, both are to accept the roles God has set up for them in his marriages and in his church.

1Cor. 11:11-16

**Galatians 3:28** *There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*