

**How To Avoid Being Deceived  
Into Taking a Role God Did Not Design for You**  
1 Timothy 2:15

**Introduction:**

- Widely read how-to books during the pandemic
  1. *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing*
  2. *The Five Love Languages: The Secret to Love that Lasts*
  3. *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lessons in Personal Change*
  4. The most popular - \_\_\_\_\_
- We have been dealing with the topic of women in ministry and come to a concluding verse:

*But women will be saved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.*

  1. This has application to every b \_\_\_\_\_
  2. This is counsel on how to avoid being deceived into taking a role God did not design for you.

**Pursue your God-given family r \_\_\_\_\_ (15a)**

- What was Eve's role?
  1. Adam's w \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Mother of the l \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 3:20) – to give birth to the human race
- Who will be saved through the bearing of children?
  1. ESV and the KJV read, *she will be saved...*; Most versions read, *women will be saved...*
  2. Paul is making application to women in general because:
    - a. In verse 14 he does not say Adam and Eve but Adam and the w \_\_\_\_\_ so as to represent the female race.
    - b. The subject of verse 15 is unexpressed and must be supplied from verse 14 – *the woman* in the sense of the female race.
- In what sense will women be saved?
  1. Aren't we saved by grace through f \_\_\_\_\_ and not through bearing children?

2. Context always determine what one is saved from (e.g. Matt 8:24,25 – saved from drowning). The context of 1 Tim 5:15 is salvation from d\_\_\_\_\_.
3. The point it to focus on your family role. Adam did not focus on his role and Eve did not focus on hers.
- 1 Tim 5:14,15 is an application of this verse in the Ephesian church.
  1. Young widows who had pledged never to remarry were going from house to house g\_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Paul counseled them to get married, bear children, keep house, so that they would not fall to S \_\_\_\_\_'s schemes.
- Application – Family Roles
  1. Husband (Eph 5:23,25)
    - a. The head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church – this is a metaphor of the b\_\_\_\_\_ (servant leadership)
    - b. To love the wife as Christ loved the church – s\_\_\_\_\_ love.
  2. Wife (Eph 5:24,33; Titus 2:3)
    - a. S\_\_\_\_\_ to the husband's servant leadership.
    - b. R\_\_\_\_\_ the husband's role.
    - c. Older women are to t\_\_\_\_\_ younger women how to love their husbands and children, to be good homemakers, and to submit to their husbands so that God's word not be dishonored.
  3. Parents (Eph 6:4) – raise kids in the i\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.
  4. Children (Eph 6:1-3) – obey and h\_\_\_\_\_ your parents.

**Reflect Christ-like c\_\_\_\_\_ (15b)**

1. S\_\_\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The last quality is variously translated (self-restraint, sobriety, propriety, modesty) but is a compound word of sound and mind.
  - b. A sound mind is to accompany all three character traits. Notice that the word w\_\_\_\_\_ is before this last word (the NLT wrongly has the word *and*).
  - c. Where do we get sound thinking from? – not from society, tradition, logic, etc. but from God's w\_\_\_\_\_ (Is 55:9)

2. Faith with sound thinking
  - a. Some have confused faith with f\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. I won't take my insulin but will trust God to make my pancreas work).
  - b. Faith with sound thinking is d\_\_\_\_\_ upon God according to His word.
3. Love with sound thinking
  - a. This is *agape* love which refers to un\_\_\_\_\_ acts for the good of another.
  - b. Some can get out of b\_\_\_\_\_ and neglect their own family in helping others (e.g. pastors)
  - c. Sound thinking gives us the b\_\_\_\_\_ picture – love for one person must be in balance with love for others.
4. Holiness with sound thinking
  - a. To be holy is to be set a\_\_\_\_\_ from the world for God's purposes.
  - b. Isolating yourself from the world is not sound thinking. We are to be in the world without being \_\_\_ the world (Jn 17:14-16) so that we can influence the world for Christ.

**Conclusion** – two choices

1. The easy choice – trial and e\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. This is learning the h\_\_\_\_\_ way
  - b. It brings all kinds of problems
2. The tough choice – consult your C\_\_\_\_\_ and follow His word.
  - a. This will save you from deception and sin.
  - b. You will have no r\_\_\_\_\_.