**Women Keeping Silent**

**Reading - Titus 2:1-10**

***(1 Corinthians 14:33-35) For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. {34} Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says. {35} And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church.***

***(1 Timothy 2:8-15) I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; {9} in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, {10} but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. {11} Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. {12} And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. {13} For Adam was formed first, then Eve. {14} And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. {15} Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.***

**Somehow/ somewhere/ sometime Women Must Keep Silent and Must Not Teach**

Read 1 Corinthians 14:33-35 again. Context says it’s in the whole assembly.

It seems that in the case of the Corinthians both men & women were acting unseemly in the worship services. ***(1 Corinthians 14:23-26) Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all*** [men & women alike] ***speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind? {24} But if all*** [men & women alike] ***prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. {25} And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you. {26} How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.***

Next - the context of 1 Timothy 2:11-12 is one of general behavior everywhere.

A companion passage to this is found in ***(1 Peter 3:3-5). Do not let your adornment be merely outward; arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel; {4} rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. {5} For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,***

Now let’s address what ***assembly*** means. ***(1 Corinthians 14:23-26) Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind?… {26} How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.***

Does the Assembly include Bible class?

How can we say a woman is usurping the authority over the man when she is granted permission to ask questions or make comments from the one in charge of the class?

* It would be rude to not answer him if he addressed you.
* There can be a point where she could step over the line by “taking over” the class and dominate the discussion.

**Where & when Can A Woman Teach?**

***(Acts 18:24-26) Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. {25} This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. {26} So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.***

***(2 Timothy 1:5) when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also… (2 Timothy 3:15) and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.***

***(Titus 2:3-5) the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; {4} that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, {5} to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.***

***(Colossians 3:16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.***

What about "learn in quietness (ASV) silence (KJV)"?

1. Thayer says of quietness - Greek word 2271 **hesuchia** : **It is a description of the life of one who stays at home doing his own work, and does not officiously meddle with the affairs of others**

2. So this silence does not demand 'no speech', but it demands submissive spirit.