



Revisiting the Clarity of Scripture in 1 Timothy 2:12

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Abstract: *In the evangelical debate regarding women in ministry, both 1 Timothy 2:12 and the clarity of scripture have played a critical role. While few theologians and biblical scholars have brought the œperspicuity of scriptureœ directly to bear on the text, this article systematically evaluates how the verse is handled in light of the traditional hermeneutical principle of interpreting obscure passages in light of the more clear. The article concludes that 1 Timothy 2:12 is inconsistently interpreted by complementarians as a clear passageœ”potentially out of an effort to legitimize the ban on women pastors.*

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