

*Worship in Music**Worship in Fellowship**Worship in Message*

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*Worship in Giving***Fighting For Healthy Roles***1 Timothy 2:8-3:13**The Good Fight series*

Life Change: We enjoy good work beyond the curse.

Roles in the local church...**Role #1 Males and rugged individual worship 2:8**

Worship in the church gathering was not segregated.

Men can be sanctified beyond the curse, and prayer is key.

Men are submissive members of a unified whole.

Lifting up one's hands in prayer is often mentioned in the OT (e.g., 1 Kings 8:22; Psalms 141:2; 143:6). It is a natural gesture, indicating earnest desire and [submission]. The word "holy" is not the more common "hagios" but "hasios", which means devout, pious, pleasing to God. Lock says of the expression "lifting up holy hands" that it "combines the idea of moral purity...with that of consecration." [Walter Lock's 1924 commentary, p. 30] We cannot pray effectively unless our lives are clean and committed. Concerning "wrath/anger," Jeremy Taylor many years ago observed, "Anger is a perfect alienation of the mind from prayer. And Bernard says about "dissension/disputing": "In our prayers, we leave our differences behind us." [Both quotes come from J.H. Bernard's 1899 commentary, p. 44.] – Ralph Earle, *1 Timothy*

Role #2 Females and preaching in worship**2:9-15**

Women are to be equals in God's work, not merely pretty objects.

Women are to learn along with the men.

Roles are to be recognized in scripture and in history.

Alternate view #1 – this was only for that place & time.

Alternate view #2 – this can be expressed in other ways.

Alternate view #3 – this applies to all events & places in church.

Alternate view #4 – men are superior to women.

Alternate view #5 – the presence of a gift presumes use wherever.

Women can be sanctified beyond the curse.

Role #3 Elders in the churches**3:1-7**

These are character qualities, not a checklist.

These are a good reminder for each of us.

Role #4 Deacons in the churches**3:8-13**

They live out scripture.

They gain confidence who serve.

Note: for more detail on the Elders & Deacons listings & how each of us can develop these qualities, look up the *Character That Lasts Forever* series at www.friscobible.com.