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LESSON 19 – WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT ROLES IN THE CHURCH

I. Introduction/Recap

II. The Church is the Body of Christ (Eph. 5:23, Col. 1:18, 24)

A. God gifts members of the body and places them where He wills for the common good (1 Cor. 12:4-11; 1 Cor. 12:12-27, Rom. 12:3-8)

B. All members of Christ's body have equal value and worth serving in His church (Gal. 3:26-28)

III. The Church is God's Household (1 Tim. 3:15)

A. Guidelines for men and women in God's household

1. Men to pray with proper heart attitude (1 Tim. 2:8)

2. Women to dress with modesty & learn with quiet submissiveness (1 Tim. 2:9-11)

3. Women are not to teach men or have authority over men (1 Tim. 2:12-14)

4. Women to teach other women and children (Titus 2:3-5)

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B. Two offices of the church – elder and deacon

1. Elders may only be qualified men (I Tim. 3:1-7)
2. Deacons may be qualified men or women (I Tim. 3:8-13)

IV. Applications

A. Give thanks for how God has gifted you and assigned you a vital role in His body (1 Cor. 12:11, 18)

B. Use your gifts to joyfully and diligently serve the body (1 Peter 4:7-11, Rom. 12:6-8)