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I.) THE NATURE OF THE ARENA (v. 33)

A.) The Desired Result

B.) The Existing Situation

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II.) THE NATURE OF THE BATTLE (vv. 34-35)

Context:

(4) "*not permitted to speak.*"

Vocabulary:

(5) "*as the law also says.*"

(1) "*Women.*"

(6) "*... but should be submissive.*"

(2) "*... be silent.*"

(7) "*... desire to learn.*"

(3) "*... in the churches.*"

(8) "*... they should ask their husbands at home.*"

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III.) THE UNDERLYING ISSUE: AUTHORITY (vv. 36-38)

"If God has restricted her so that it is not for her to usurp the place of pastor or teacher in the public assembly, it is not to slight her gifts, nor to ignore the value of her services elsewhere. The true test of love for Christ is obedience to His Word. He knows best what each one of us should do in order to glorify Him . . . A Priscilla may teach an Apollos, a Mary Magdalene may be the risen Lord's messenger to His faint-hearted disciples, a regenerated woman of Samaria may evangelize the men of her city, a Dorcas may serve by ministering to the comfort of the poor, a Phoebe may be a deaconess of the assembly, but a woman, no matter how gifted and godly, is not to take the place of the man in the assembly of God, but to set an example of lowly subjection to the revealed will of God, assured that He values devoted obedience above any possible form of activity, however much it may be approved by those who have never learned to let God's Word be the supreme authority"

(First Epistle to the Corinthians, pp. 457-458).

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IV.) REMEMBER THE 'MAIN THING':
ORDERED PROPHECY (vv. 39-40)

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OUR APPLICATION:

The Need To be:

- A.) Teachable
- B.) Composed
- C.) Submissive
- D.) Discreet