

1 Timothy

Part 3

Yet the question remains, should women be pastors or elders in churches? ...My own conclusion on this issue is that the Bible does not permit women to function in the role of pastor or elder within a church. This has also been the conclusion of the vast majority of churches in various societies throughout history.

The reasons that seem to me to be most persuasive in answering this question are the following:

1. 1 Timothy 2:11–14. *The single passage in Scripture that addresses this question most directly is 1 Timothy 2:11–14*

Wayne Grudem
Systematic Theology, p937-938

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First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

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1 Timothy 2: 11-12

γυναικὶ οὐκ ἐπιτρέπω

I am not permitting a woman....

To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord)...

To the rest I say this (I, not the Lord)...

1 Corinthians 7: 10, 12

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αὐθεντεῖν

Those who lived long ago in your holy land
you hated for their detestable practices,
their works of sorcery and unholy rites,
...these parents who murder helpless lives.

Wisdom of Solomon 12: 6

“Therefore, if Saturn alone takes planetary control of the soul and dominates (*authentestas*) Mercury and the moon...”

Ptolemy
Tetrabiblos 3.13

διδάσκειν ... αὐθεντεῖν

to teach ... to dominate

Can mean:

'to teach *in order to* dominate'

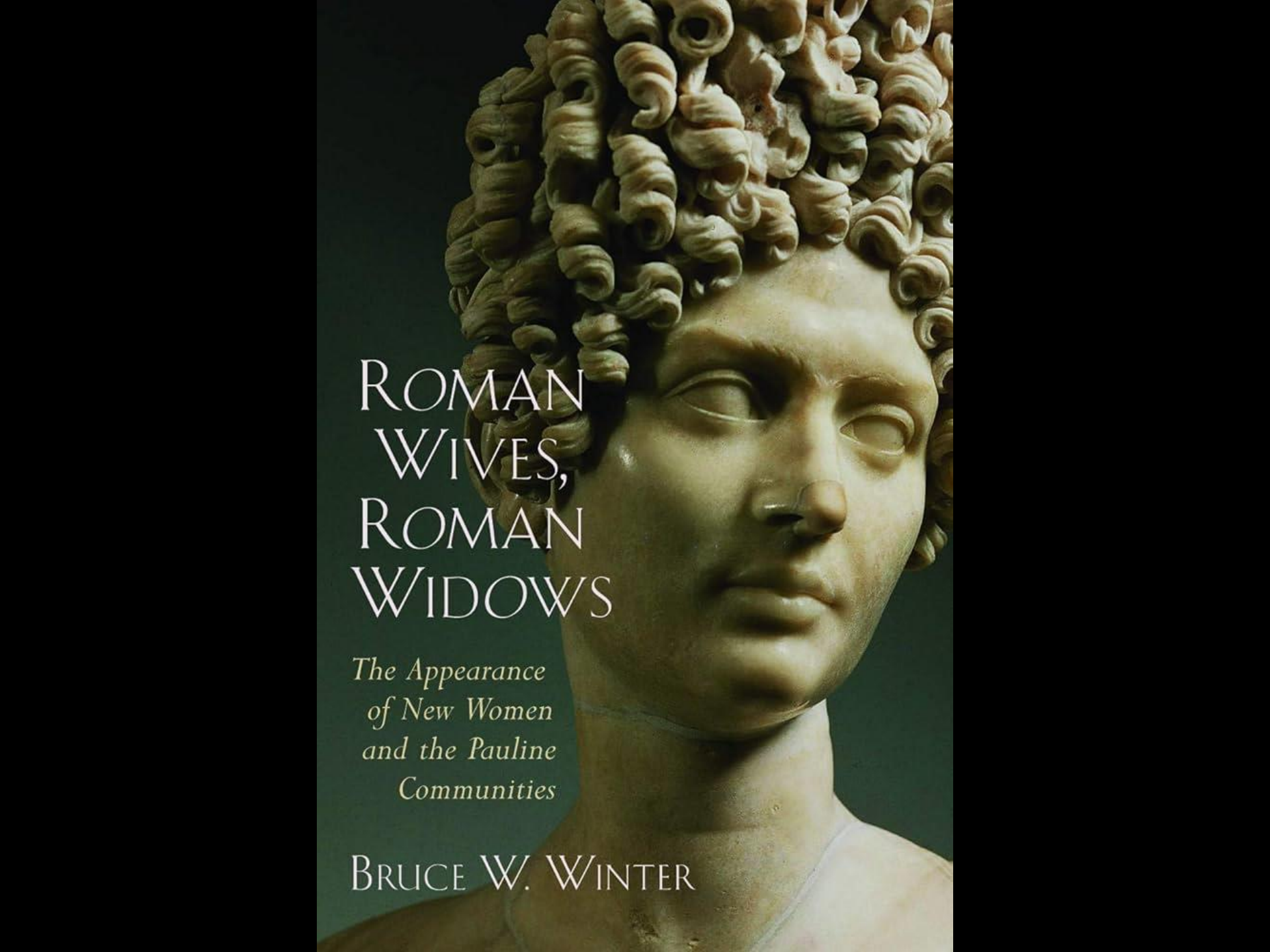
Let a woman learn in silence with full submission. I permit no woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she is to keep silent.

Let a woman learn quietly with full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach in order to dominate a man; she is to remain peaceful.

I don't let women take over and tell the men what to do. They should study to be quiet and obedient along with everyone else.

1 Timothy 2:11-12

The Message

A marble bust of a woman with voluminous, curly hair. The sculpture is shown from the chest up, facing slightly to the right. The background is dark, making the light-colored marble stand out.

ROMAN
WIVES,
ROMAN
WIDOWS

*The Appearance
of New Women
and the Pauline
Communities*

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I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

1 Timothy 2:9-10





They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.

2 Timothy 3:6-7

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a
deacon of the church in Cenchreae.

Romans 16:1

Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them.

Greet also the church that meets at their house.

Romans 16:3-5

Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.

Romans 16:7