

# “Authority Figures”

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Sunday, October 6, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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*1 Corinthians 11:2-16*

**BIG IDEA:** Authentic Churches recognize God’s ordained authority in their lives.

*“I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man,  
and the man is the head of the woman,  
and God is the head of Christ.”  
1 Corinthians 11:3 (CSB)*



## OBSERVATIONS:

- **Authority derives from redemptive relationships.**
- **Authority derives from creation’s order.**
- **Authority derives from nature’s pattern.**



## LESSONS:

- There is a **distinction between men & women.**
- There is **equality between men & women.**
- There are unique **responsibilities for men & women.**

- **Women are honored.**

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**Read:** *Re-read 1 Corinthians 11:2-16.*

**Think:** Consider Paul’s discussion about authority, and then ask yourself the following questions: *What are the Corinthians doing wrong? What “theological” reasons does Paul provide for understanding the lines of authority God ordained? What “cultural” reasons? Is a head-covering a permanent need for women? Why or why not?*

**Do:** Concern for the glory and authority of God, the interdependence of men and women and sensitivity to the culture are three principles emphasized here. Whether you are a man or woman, how will you apply these principles in your life this week?