

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY VS. TE RICK APPLETON**INDICTMENT****CHARGE 1**

IN THE NAME OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, the Pittsburgh Presbytery charges TE Rick Appleton with violating BCO 21:5 by failing to adorn the profession of the Gospel in his manner of life and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God has made him overseer, against the peace, unity and purity of the Church, and the honor and majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the King and Head thereof.

SPECIFICATIONS: TE Appleton has failed to adorn the profession of the Gospel in his manner of life:

A. In his public postings on social media:

1. “Russell Moore is such a simpering little quisling. I hope that he doesn't expect a reward for all his attention whoring, because I think that he has already received it in full.” (Facebook post, March 7, 2018).
2. “Apology: some time ago I called Russell Moore a simpering quisling. I wish to apologize to simpering quislings everywhere for comparing them to Russell Moore” (Facebook post, January 17, 2022).
3. “When I consider the fruit of R. Scott Clark's labors, I see a lot of angry feminists and weak, lawless men. Is there some connection?” (Facebook post, January 18, 2022).
4. “Don’t laugh at Peter for fearing a slave girl when you’re simpering for thots online” (Facebook post, June 30, 2022).
5. “I admire Jael for pinning Ol’ Boy to the earth. But I also regret that saving Israel interrupted her housework” (Facebook post, July 1, 2022).
6. “Some may be wondering, “Why all the hurly burly concerning David French at the PCA GA?” I’m tempted to say that I’ve heard farts that were more edifying than David French’s opinions” (Facebook post, May 10, 2024).
7. “If you love your neighbor, you’ll let them eat your cats (Russell Moore, Probably).” (Facebook post, September 11, 2024).
8. “Anyone who votes for a muslim should be deported to a third world country” (Facebook post, November 4, 2025).
9. “Praying for David French to be miserable tomorrow” (Facebook post, November 5, 2024).
10. “Whatever difficulties you may be facing today, take heart and press on. And remember, it could be worse. You could be an evangelical for Harris” (Facebook post, February 5, 2025).
11. “What 2025 has taught us so far: don’t be fake and ghey” (Facebook post, February 21, 2025).

12. “‘There is too much faggotry in the seminaries’” – Francis” (Facebook post, April 23, 2025).
13. “America is a civilized nation with laws. We don’t like Mormons, but you can’t just shoot up their meetings like this is Africa or the Middle East.” (Facebook post, September 30, 2025).
14. “More than 80% of New York Women who voted, voted for a muslim communist (not counting the women of the other sex who voted for him). . . . (Facebook post, November 6, 2025).
15. “Do not overlook this simple fact. Somalians built Somalia. If we import more Somalians, we will get more Somalia. If you think this is inconsequential, I suggest you do us all a favor and move to Somalia.” (Facebook post, December 4, 2025).
16. “I’d like to send Russell Moore to Afghanistan, but then we’d have to apologize to Afghanistan” (Facebook post, December 4, 2025).
17. TE Appleton responds to Kevin DeYoung’s question “Do you unequivocally renounce antisemitism, racism, and Nazism?” with the one-word answer “No” (Facebook post, December 5, 2025).
18. “Dear Great Britain, Faggot. . . .” (Facebook post, December 2, 2025).
19. “Even though he’s part of a bygone era, I’m glad Carl Trueman still takes time to write fussy think-pieces for those of us of a weaker capacity. I have an idea for his next article, “Aimee-a Culpa: I’m Mortified That I Promoted Feminism.” (Facebook post, December 12, 2025).
20. “Is this the “Gospel Coalition?” (Facebook post, December 18, 2025, in reference to a picture of women in a conference room).
21. “If I could only deport 2 people, I’d deport Ben Shapiro twice.” (Facebook post, December 20, 2025).
22. “If ICE tells you to deport one person, deport two.” (Facebook post, December 23, 2025). TE Appleton is then asked, “This is like someone asking you to go with them 1 mile, right?” TE Appleton responds, “yes. Exactly!”
23. “I can’t think of a single unique contribution of Tim Keller that has been a lasting benefit to the church” (Facebook post, January 4, 2026).
24. “ ‘Smite, stab, slay’ – Martin Luther” (Facebook post, January 19, 2026).

These public posts violate the following Scriptural and Confessional Standards:

1. Ephesians 4:29-32 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

2. 1 Timothy 3:2-3 Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.
3. 2 Timothy 2:16-17 But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene.
4. 2 Timothy 2:23-25 Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness.
5. Titus 3:1-3 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.
6. 1 Peter 3:15-16 But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.
7. The Third Commandment, WLC Q&A 113, “profane jests, curious or unprofitable questions, vain janglings.”
8. The Sixth Commandment, WLC Q&A 136, “provoking words.”
9. WLC Q&A 144, “a charitable esteem of our neighbors; loving, desiring, and rejoicing in their good name; sorrowing for, and covering of their infirmities.”

B. In his public associations:

1. On August 18, 2023 TE Appleton posts to Facebook Michael Spangler’s article, “Pastors, Lift Up Your Voices Online” (published on The Daily Genevan, June 13, 2020). In this article Spangler encourages pastors to “lift up your voice online” and acknowledges “THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES.... They will threaten ecclesiastical and civil penalties.”
2. TE Appleton’s presence at the January 24, 2026 RPCNA trial of Samuel Ketcham raised public concerns about his associations with Samuel Ketcham and Michael Spangler (also present at the trial).
3. At this trial Mr. Ketcham moved the following: “This may be a substitute or an addendum or an addition to the motion, but I would like to have... I would like to introduce to the court two elders. One Andrew Dugan from the OPC, Knox OPC in Philadelphia, and one Pastor Rick Appleton, from Providence PCA in Pittsburgh, as fraternal delegates with the privileges of the floor.” (Presbytery of the Alleghenies RPCNA Sam Ketcham Trial Video).

4. On January 25, 2026 (the day after the RPCNA Ketcham trial), TE Appleton posted the following in reference to the trial, “Yesterday I was reminded that some Christians make the abolition of slavery a matter of orthodoxy — as if slavery itself was immoral. I think that slavery, regulated by the law of God, can actually be a positive good for society” (Facebook post).
5. On January 28, 2026 Julie Roys posts a “Roys Report” article about the Ketcham trial on Facebook. TE Appleton “likes” Michael Spangler’s comment addressed to Roys, “You are a disgusting slanderer, as is the author, who had previously published the lie that Christ was not nailed to the cross. Rev. Sam Ketcham is a righteous minister of Christ. Listen to him speak in this episode of Old Paths Podcast. <https://open.spotify.com/episode/3R6I6praKOZgmuDKXb4PFA?si=19b26a6410ed4e06>”
6. On January 28, 2026 Samuel Ketcham spoke on the Old Paths Podcast about TE Appleton’s support at his trial, saying, “I had a buddy come up to me during lunch, he had to leave, he’s a PCA pastor, he’s from Pittsburgh, and he said, ‘Listen, you know, don’t lose heart. I mean, I think some of them are maybe shifting a little bit. And you’re doing well. You could be a little bit more forceful if you wanted.’” (Old Paths podcast, *Excommunicated for Race Realism: Sam Ketcham*).
7. On February 5, 2026 the Session of Providence PCA questioned TE Appleton about his presence at the Ketcham trial. TE Appleton denied he was there to defend Ketcham’s views, but when questioned about his own views on Kinism and race realism the Providence session unanimously thought TE Appleton was affirming certain aspects of both (email from Ray Heiple to Pittsburgh Presbytery, February 9, 2026).

These public associations violate the following Scriptural standards:

1. Proverbs 4:14-16 Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong.
2. Romans 16:17-18 I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.
3. 1 Corinthians 5:11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler-- not even to eat with such a one.
4. Titus 3:10-11 As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

C. In obfuscating the truth:

1. When TE Heiple asked TE Appleton how he spent his time during the morning and afternoon of January 24, 2026, TE Appleton concealed the fact that he was at the RPCNA Ketcham trial. Additionally, at the Providence Session meeting on February 5th, 2026, he denied his name was mentioned during the trial and he denied a motion was made to give him privilege of the floor that he might speak during the trial.
2. TE Appleton states, “With regard to Kinism, I am only vaguely familiar with it, but what I understand about it I reject.... With regard to Race Realism, I am not conversant with this term and consequently could not even define it” (TE Appleton’s February 27, 2026 letter of explanation to Pittsburgh Presbytery). TE Appleton makes this statement after attending the January 24 RPCNA Ketcham trial focused on Kinism and Race Realism; after receiving TE Heiple’s request for the Providence elders to carefully review the teachings of Kinism and race realism via the resources TE Heiple provided (per TE Heiple’s February 3, 2026 email to Providence elders); and after participating in an extensive discussion on Kinism and Race Realism at the February 5, 2026 Providence Session meeting.

These actions violate the following Scriptural and Confessional Standards:

1. Exodus 20:16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
2. The Ninth Commandment, WLC Q&A 144, “the preserving and promoting of truth between man and man... and fully, speaking the truth....”

CHARGE 2

IN THE NAME OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, the Pittsburgh Presbytery charges TE Rick Appleton with violating the third commandment by misinterpreting, misapplying, and perverting God's Word (WLC 113) in his teaching on the nature and calling of women, against the peace, unity and purity of the Church, and the honor and majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the King and Head thereof.

SPECIFICATION 1: TE Appleton teaches the ontological inferiority of women:

What TE Appleton Said	What Scripture and the Confession Teach
1) <i>[Question: Do you believe that the Bible teaches that women are creationally inferior to men?] “Inferior with respect to what? Authority? Yes. Rank? Yes. Resiliency against deception? Yes. Strength? Yes. Suitability as rulers and teachers? Yes.”</i> — Facebook post, July 24, 2020 (screenshot on Twitter)	Genesis 1:31: “And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.” Inferior resiliency against deception (i.e. “gullibility”) contradicts “very good” creation. WCF 4.2 / WLC 17: The same endowment of “knowledge, righteousness, and holiness” is attributed to both sexes.
2) <i>TE Appleton affirmed and defended the ontological inferiority of women at a meeting with TE Ray Heiple, RE Dave Douglas, and RE Jim Stuart.</i> — January 22, 2026	Gen. 1:27: “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” The image of God is possessed by male/female without the distinction of “ontological inferiority.” WCF 4.2: “After God had made all other creatures, he created man, male and female, with reasonable and immortal souls, endued with knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness, after his own image...” Confession does not posit an “ontological inferiority” of women.

3) <i>“Because God has placed man as man above woman as woman, which is clear to us from the creation account, a wife is of lower rank than her husband, even if she does not acknowledge it.”</i> — Sermon, Eph. 5:22-24, “Submit Yourselves,” Feb. 20, 2022 <i>“There is a general sense in which womankind is of a lower rank than mankind. We see this again from creation.”</i> — Sermon, Eph. 5:22-24, “Submit Yourselves,” Feb. 20, 2022	Gen. 1:26-27: “let them have dominion....” Dominion given to male/female jointly over creation, not “man as man above woman as woman.” Gen. 1:27: “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” The image of God is possessed by male/female without the distinction of “rank.” WCF 4.2: “After God had made all other creatures, he created man, male and female, with reasonable and immortal souls, endued with knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness, after his own image...” Confession does not posit a creational male/female distinction of “rank.” WLC 17: “he created man male and female... made them after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness... and dominion over the creatures.” Confession does not posit a creational male/female distinction of “rank.”
4) <i>“Women, because of their sex, have a specific temptation to exercise control over things that are not always their prerogative.”</i> — Sermon, Titus 2:3-5, “Good Things,” Dec. 28, 2025	1 Cor. 10:13: “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.” Temptation is common to all. Scripture does not designate the “temptation to exercise control” as a sex-specific sin. WCF 6.2-3: “the same death in sin, and corrupted nature, conveyed to all their posterity...” Our “corrupted nature” is “the same” for male and female alike.

	Additional Specifications: BCO 34-5: TE Appleton’s errors on the ontological inferiority of women are “industriously spread” through sermon and Facebook posts. BCO 57-5: TE Appleton’s erroneous teaching on women disrupts the peace of the church and has harmed members of Providence PCA.
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SPECIFICATION 2: TE Appleton’s teachings on headship and authority denigrate women:

What TE Appleton Said	What Scripture and the Confession Teach
1) <i>“Husbands function as kings. As Christ, being our king, subdues us to himself and rules over us, he also provides for us, giving us what we need, and he protects us and defends us from our enemies. So, too, husbands rule over their wives. Husbands govern their wives.”</i> — Sermon, Eph. 5:25, “Love Your Wives,” Feb. 28, 2022	Matt. 20:25-28: “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave.” Eph. 5:25: “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.” The command for husbands is sacrificial love, not domestic kingship. Husbands are not designated kings over wives in Scripture. WCF 24.2: “Marriage was ordained for the mutual help of husband and wife.” The Confession does not posit the kingship of one over the other. WLC 45: Christ executes the office of a king as he gives his people “officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly governs them.” Christ’s kingship is made visible through the church (per WLC’s citation of Matt. 18:17-18 and 1 Cor. 5:4-5). The Confession does not posit Christ’s kingship via husbands.

2) <i>“You [husbands] are her prophet because God appointed you to be that.”</i> — Sermon, Eph. 5:25, “Love Your Wives,” Feb. 27, 2022 <i>“So when I speak of correcting your wife, it’s actually God who corrects her, and you are the one who is bringing to her the truth from the word of God.”</i> — Sermon, Eph. 5:33, “Love & Reverence,” March 27, 2022 <i>“We [husbands] are not sinless priests like Christ, but we can still operate and function like Christ as a priest.”</i> — Sermon, Eph. 5:25, “Love Your Wives,” Feb. 27, 2022	1 Tim. 2:5: “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” Rev. 1:6: Christ makes all (male and female), via union with him, “a kingdom, priests to his God.” WCF 8.1: Christ alone is “the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King.” He is “the only Mediator between God and man.” BCO Preface I: “Jesus, the Mediator, the sole Priest, Prophet, King, Saviour, and Head of the Church.”
3) <i>“How does God regard a master who has authority over a slave and mistreats that slave? Is God not angered by that? How much more when your servant is your one flesh?”</i> — Sermon, Titus 2:3-5, “Good Things,” Dec. 28, 2025	Genesis 2:18: The woman is man’s “helper, fit for him,” <i>not</i> his slave or servant. WCF 24.2: Marriage is ordained for “the mutual help of husband and wife.”
4) <i>“On the one hand she wants to obey her Lord and go to church, like God commands all Christians. On the other hand, she has an unbelieving husband and she wants to obey God who says, ‘Wives, submit to your husbands....’ Wives, this is so hard, but what God is asking you to do is to submit even to your unbelieving husband.... submit to him, even if he doesn’t let you go to church.”</i> — Providence PCA Ask the Pastor, Episode 20, Aug. 25, 2020	Heb. 10:25: “Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some.” Acts 5:29: “We must obey God rather than men.” 1 Pet. 3:1-2: Although an unbelieving husband will “not obey the word,” the believing wife remains bound to obey God over her husband. WCF 26.2: “Saints by profession are bound to maintain an holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God...”

5) <i>“Womankind, remember, there is a certain shame attached to her sex because of being first in transgression.”</i> — Sunday School, Leviticus 12, Oct. 4, 2020	Rom. 5:12: “Sin came into the world through one man” (Adam), not through the woman. Rom. 5:19: “By the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners.” 1 Cor. 15:22: “As in Adam all die.” Adam, not Eve, is the federal head. WLC 22: Adam, not Eve, was the “public person” with whom the covenant of life was made, so that “all mankind descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him in that first transgression.” Women, as a class, do not bear a certain shame through Eve.
6) <i>“A woman, when she marries, she sort of puts all of her eggs in one basket. She gives up her youth and her beauty, which for a young woman are the most valuable assets that she has, marriage speaking, and she gives them to one man.”</i> — Sermon, Eph. 5:25, “Love Your Wives,” Feb. 27, 2022	Proverbs 31:10-31: The woman of Proverbs 31 is praised for her industry, her provision, the fruit of her hands, her strength, her care for poor & needy, her fearlessness, her dignity, her wisdom, her teaching. She is not valued in marriage for her youth and the beauty that accompanies youth. Rather, “beauty is vain” (Proverbs 31:30).
7) <i>“Your husband is there to be over you, to rule over you, and to provide for you and to protect you.”</i> — Sermon, Eph. 5:22-24, “Submit Yourselves,” Feb. 20, 2022	Eph. 5:25-30: Husbands are called to love, nourish, and cherish their wives by giving up themselves. Scripture does not speak of a husband being there “to rule over you.” 1 Pet. 3:7: Husbands dwell with wives “in an understanding way,” honoring them as “heirs with you of the grace of life.”

8) <i>“I understand some men will say, but my wife is actually more learned in the Scriptures than I am. My wife is more pious than I am. Okay, then you have work to do. Then you have work to do. Okay...? It is a shame, man, if your wife is in every respect more pious than you.”</i> — Sermon, Eph. 5:25, “Love Your Wives,” Feb. 27, 2022	1 Cor. 12:4-11: “Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit.... To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.... Wisdom... knowledge... faith.... All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.” The Spirit-granted gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and faith are for the common good and are to be celebrated. They are not for the shame of one over another.
9) <i>“The head, being elevated above the rest of the body, has preeminence, superiority, over top the rest of the body. So the wife’s head is above her in the same sense that the head of a body is above the body. This head, being the source of wisdom and understanding in a human being, is the appropriate part of the body to govern and direct the body.”</i> — Sermon, Eph. 5:22-24, “Submit Yourselves,” Feb. 20, 2022	In Scripture wisdom abides within and emanates from the heart, <i>never</i> the head. Ps. 51:6: “and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.” Ps. 90:12: “So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” Prov. 14:33: “Wisdom rests in the heart of a man of understanding....”
10) <i>“Women may teach on the subjects of female piety and domestic duties.”</i> — Sermon, Titus 2:3-5, “Good Things,” Dec. 28, 2025	Luke 1:39-56 (The Song of Mary): “And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.” Mary does not teach Elizabeth female piety and domestic duties. She plainly and powerfully teaches her the gospel. Acts 18:26: “He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

11) <i>“Now, neither my wife or my older daughter are me, and they don’t actually have all the authority that I have, but because I give instructions for someone to obey them in that sense, they are submitting to that person in that manner.”</i> — Sermon, Eph. 5:22-24, “Submit Yourselves,” Feb. 20, 2022 <i>When I am not home, I tell my children that they must obey their mother as if she were me because she is standing in my place and she is giving instructions that come from me.”</i> — Sermon, Eph. 5:22-24, “Submit Yourselves,” Feb. 20, 2022	Ex. 20:16: Honor/obedience is not delegated from father to mother. It belongs to both alike. It is due to both alike. Eph. 6:1-2: “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother....”
12) <i>“[What role does a single woman play in the church?] To find a husband.”</i> — Phone conversation with Jonathan Dodd, Oct. 10, 2020	1 Cor. 7:8, 34-35: “To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am... The unmarried woman... is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit.” Matt. 19:12: “There are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.”

SPECIFICATION 3: TE Appleton teaches error concerning the nature, role, and calling of women:

What TE Appleton Said	What Scripture and the Confession Teach
1) <i>“Your calling as a woman is to be a helper. And as a helper, that means being a wife and a mother. This calling supersedes every other earthly calling.”</i> — Sermon, Proverbs 14:1, “A Wise Woman,” Aug. 16, 2020	1 Cor. 7:8-9: “To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am.” Matt. 19:12: “There are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.” WSC Q1: “Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.” (applies equally to male and female)
2) <i>“Childbearing is the principal reason for the woman’s creation. It was also the entire matter of her punishment... everything to do with the woman’s calling on the earth is related to childbearing.”</i> — Sermon, Titus 2:3-5, “Good Things,” Dec. 28, 2025	Gen. 1:28: “And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it....’” The mandate to be fruitful is given to “them” jointly — both male and female. WSC Q1: Chief end is to glorify and enjoy God — applies equally to male and female.
3) <i>“Childbearing... is also the means of her salvation.... Childbearing is also the circumstances of the woman’s sanctification.”</i> — Sermon, Titus 2:3-5, “Good Things,” Dec. 28, 2025	Eph. 2:8-9: “By grace you have been saved through faith... not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” WCF 11.1: Justification is by “imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ unto them...” Justification is not granted “for anything wrought in them, or done by them.” WCF 13.1: Sanctification is by the Word and Spirit of Christ “dwelling in them” — not by biological capacity or marital state.

4) *“Women may teach privately, but women are not public teachers.... women may teach on the subjects of female piety and domestic duties.”*

— Sermon, Titus 2:3-5, “Good Things,” Dec. 28, 2025

TE Appleton says women are only to teach the “what” not the “why” of Scripture.

— Conversation with Lisa Boelcke, Spring 2022

Titus 2:3-4: This passage does not limit or prohibit women from teaching other topics, just as Paul’s instructions for young men to be “self controlled” (v. 6) does not limit or prohibit them from practicing other virtues.

Acts 18:26: “Priscilla and Aquila... took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.”

Luke 1:39-56 (The Song of Mary): “And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.” Mary plainly and powerfully teaches Elizabeth the gospel. Mary teaches the rich theological “why” of Scripture.

Prov. 31:26: “She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.”

5) <i>“Childbirth in Scripture is the woman’s greatest dignity, and also a constant reminder of her greatest shame. Remember that womankind, by virtue of her sex, has an ancestor who brought great shame to humanity. Eve, being the first in transgression, brought about death.”</i> — Sunday School, Leviticus 12, Oct. 4, 2020 <i>“Therefore, one of the reasons why women are not to teach or have authority, Paul says, is because women were created second. So, there’s an order there. But then the fact that she fell first reverses that order. She fell first even though she had been created second, so that brought shame to womankind. For her, Eve is the archetype, right? She’s the archetype of all women, just like Adam is the archetype of all mankind and all of the male sex. Eve is the stand-in for all women. And so, when Eve fell, part with her fell her sex.</i> — Sunday School, Leviticus 12, Oct. 4, 2020	Rom. 5:12, 19: Sin and death came “through one man,” Adam — not Eve. Adam is the federal head. 1 Cor. 15:22: “As in Adam all die” — the federal representation is Adam’s. 1 Tim. 2:13-14: “For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived....” Eve’s sin grounds the ordination restriction; it does not institute a transferable shame upon the female sex. WLC 22: “The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity, all mankind descending from him by ordinary generation sinned in him, and fell with him in his first transgression.”
6) <i>“Ladies, you must recognize your calling. The Proverb is not only telling us that a woman is wise because she builds her house, but simply that she does build her house.... You see, the house which is being discussed here is a husband’s estate, a husband’s children.”</i> — Sermon, Proverbs 14:1, “A Wise Woman,” Aug. 16, 2020	Exodus 20:12: “Honor your father and your mother....” Children, and the honor due parents, belong to both father and mother.

List of Witnesses:

1. TE Ray Heiple (Providence PCA)
2. RE Jim Stuart (Providence PCA)
3. RE Dave Douglas (Providence PCA)
4. Lisa Boelcke (Women's Ministry Coordinator, Providence PCA)
5. Nathan Dinsmore (Providence PCA member)
6. Judith Dinsmore (Providence PCA member)
7. Jonathan Dodd (former member of Providence)
8. Shelley Maley (former member of Providence)
9. Randy Johovich (RPCNA elder, moderator of Sam Ketcham trial)
10. Dr. Mark Garcia (Professor of Systematic Theology, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia; President and Fellow in Scripture and Theology at Greystone Theological Institute)

List of Material Offered in Evidence:

1. The Holy Bible, ESV.
2. The Westminster Confession of Faith with its Larger and Shorter Catechisms.
3. The PCA Book of Church Order.
4. Rick Appleton, select Facebook posts, 2018-2026.
5. Rick Appleton, email to Pittsburgh Presbytery, "An Explanation Concerning A Report Affecting My Christian Character," February 27, 2026.
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