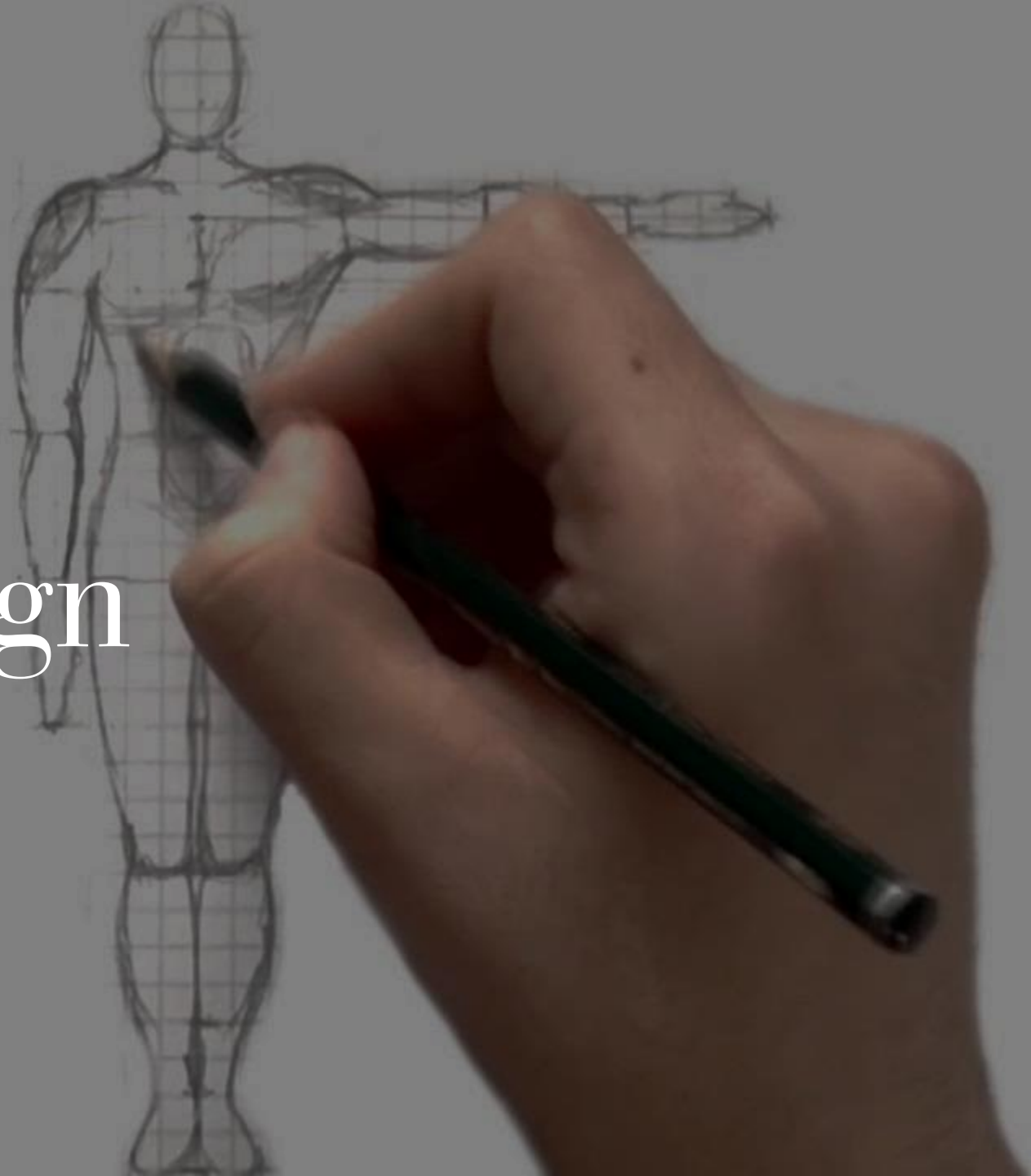


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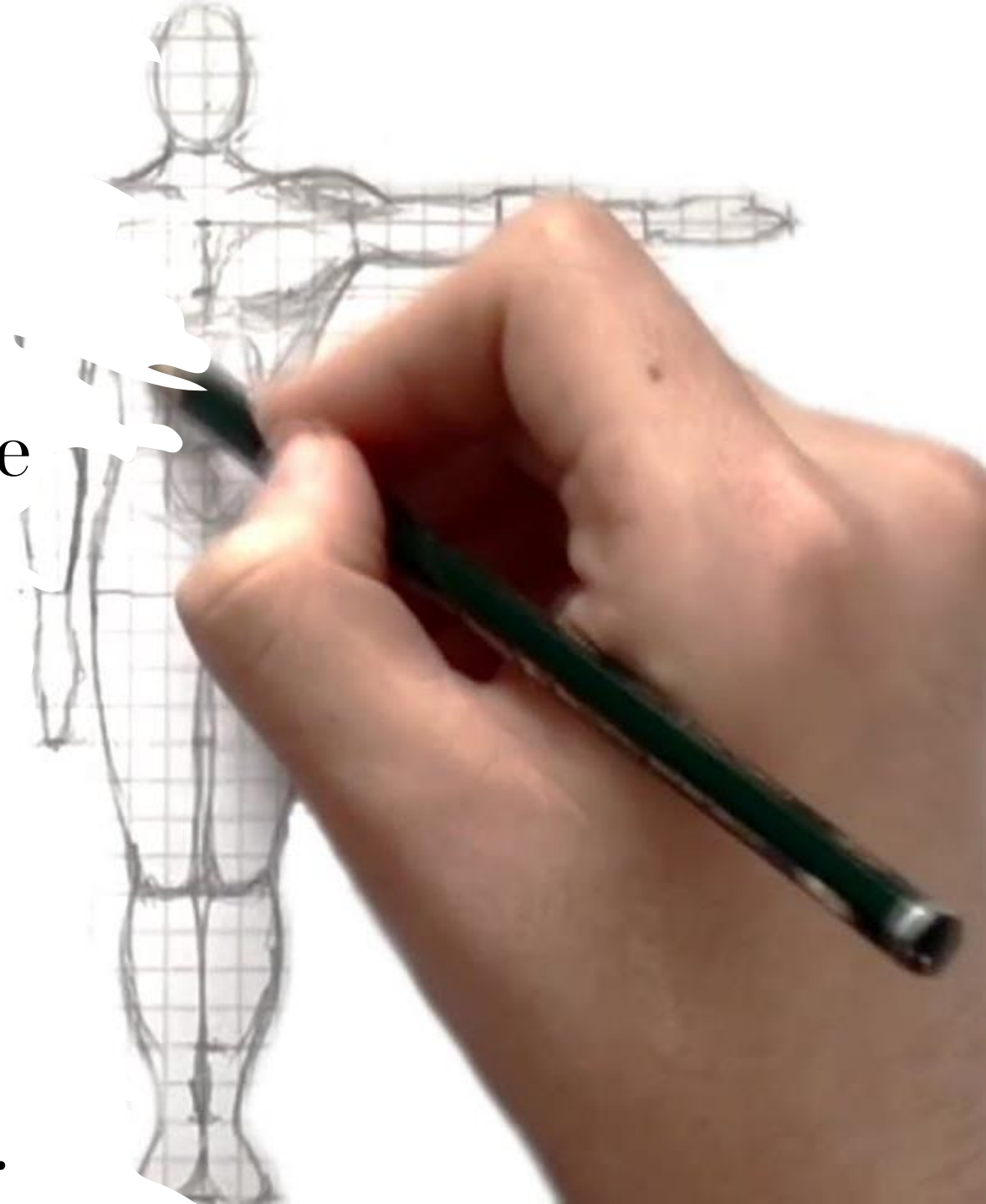
1 Timothy 2:8-15



1 Timothy 2:8-10

8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;

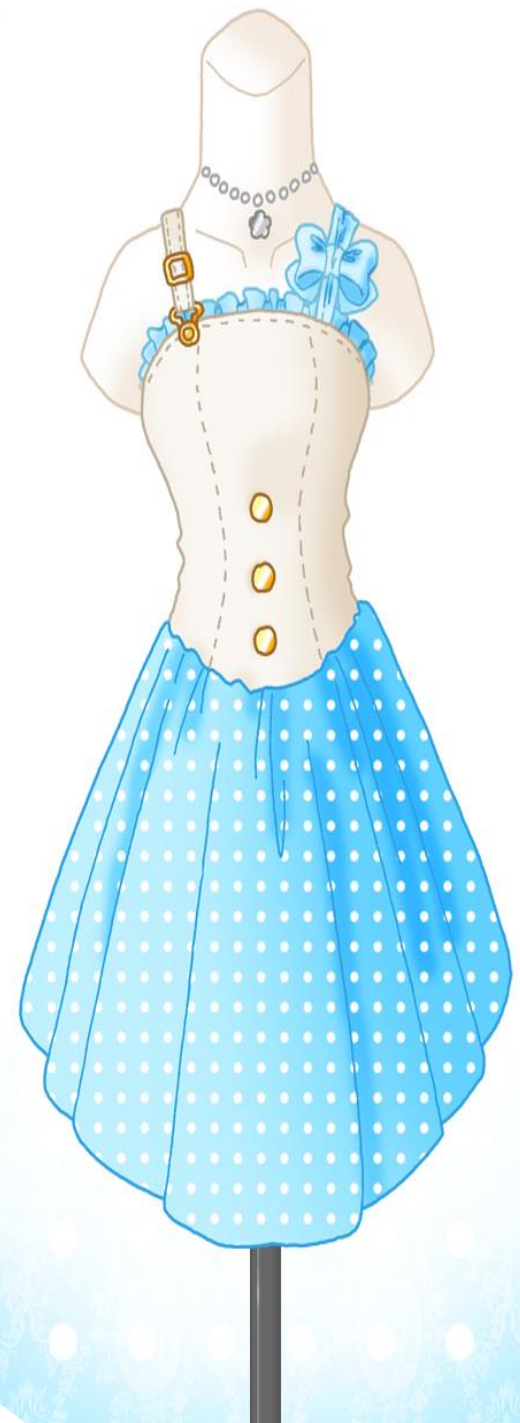
9 likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, **10** but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works.



I. God designed & created men & women with different roles in mind v. 9-10.

- A. God designed both men & women to glorify Him through godly conduct.
- B. The men should lead out in prayer in the church & be examples of godliness.

But you say...I've got questions...



Does the requirement of modesty mean that I cannot dress nicely?

No, it means that you shouldn't dress to draw attention to yourself.



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between having nice hair
and trying to be noticed.



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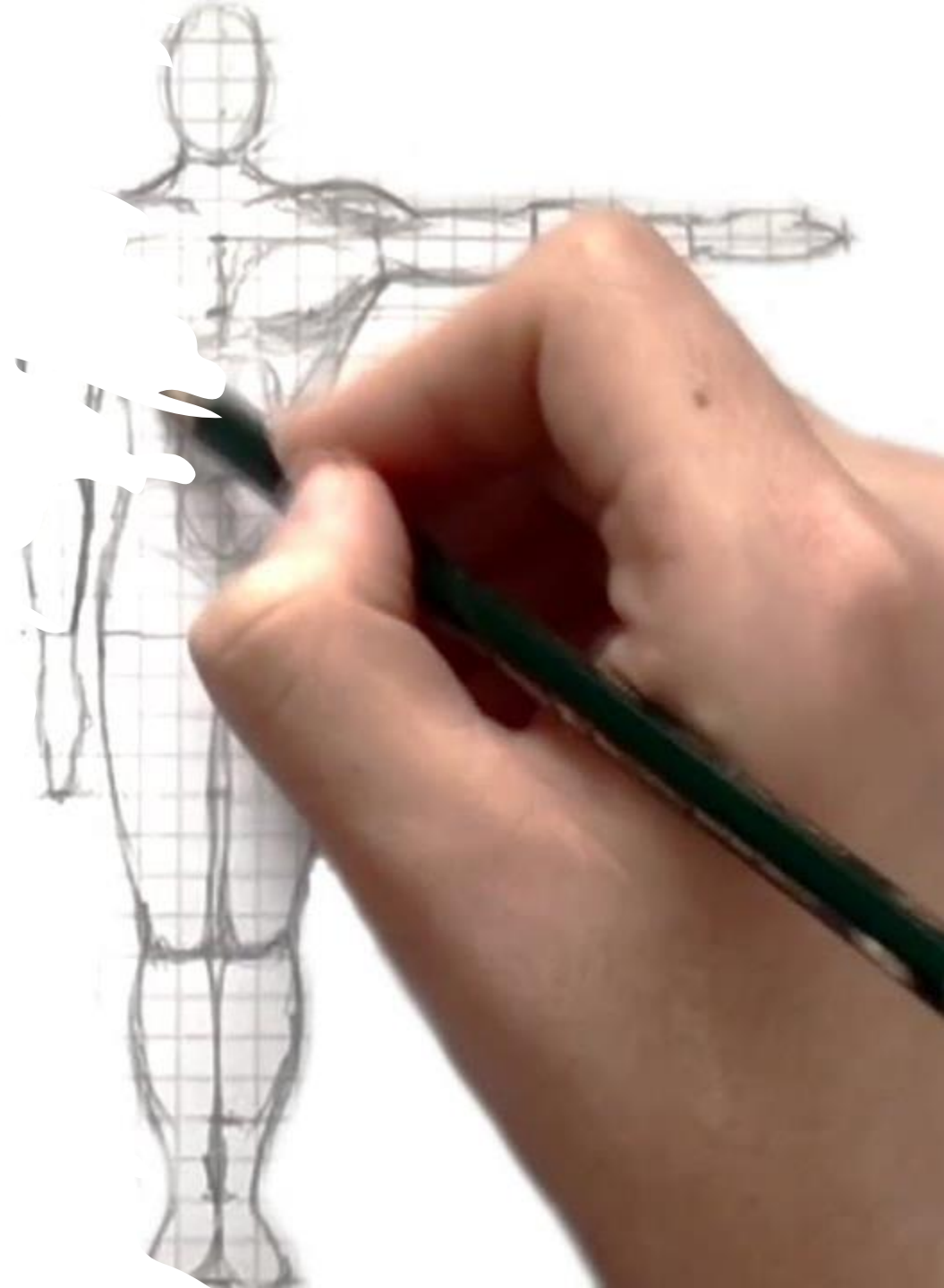


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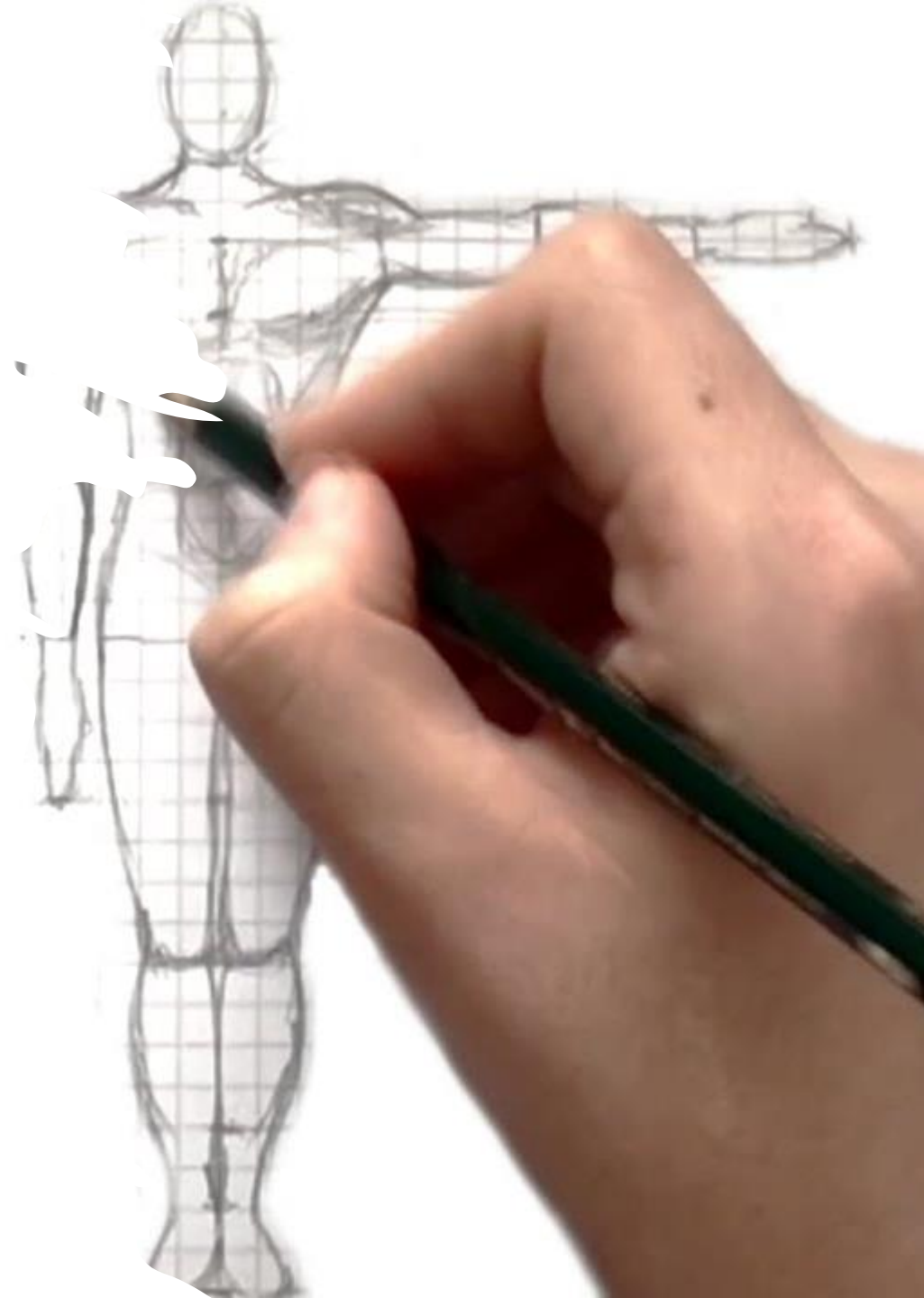
II. God designed men to glorify Him by providing responsible leadership vv. 11-12.

11 Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. **12** I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet.



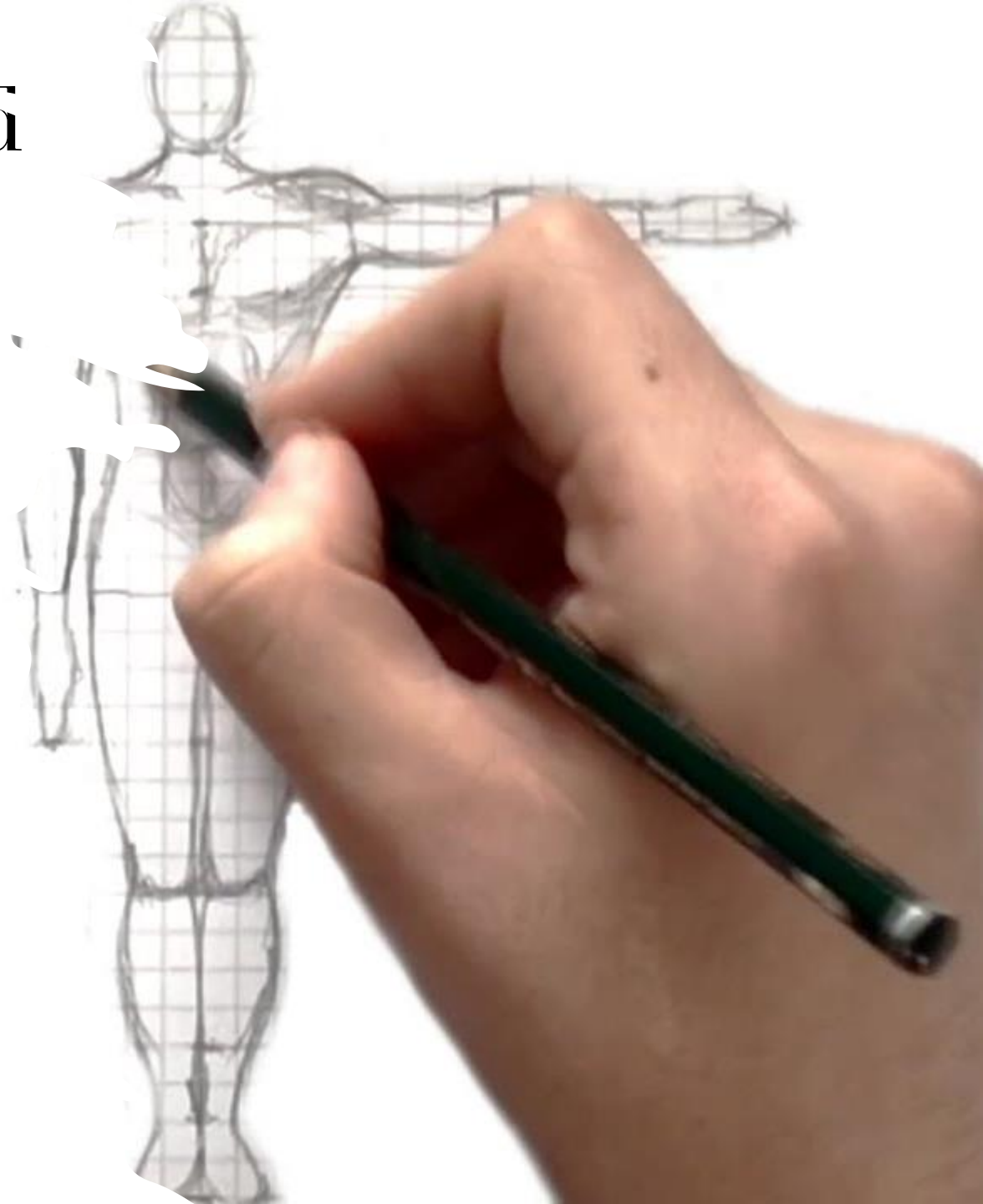
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- A. The men should both lead & teach in the church.
- B. The women are being instructed not to disrupt the public worship service.



III. God's design for men and women is the basis for these instructions vv. 13-15.

13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve; **14** and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. **15** Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.



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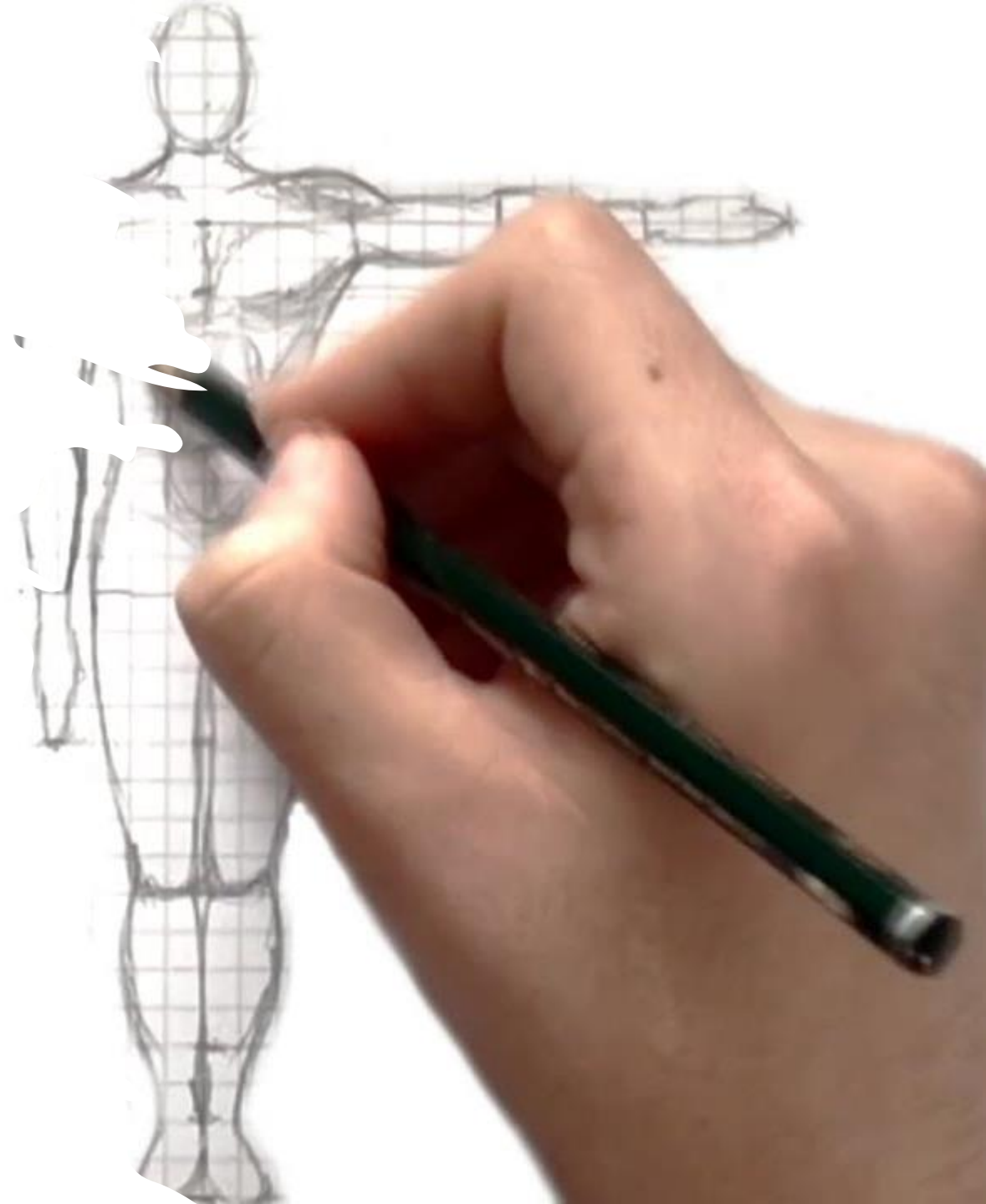
- a. The instructions in vv. 11-12 are not based on any supposed inferiority in women but are based on God's design in creation.
- b. God designed women to glorify Him through responsible care of their families.
- c. Due to the curse that came when sin entered the world, not every woman is able to bear children but that does not mean she is less of a woman if she cannot have children.
- d. By God's design, bearing children is something that **only** women, thus it is God's purpose for them (see 1 Tim. 5:9-14).

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IV. God created & designed men & women for different roles in the home and in the church.

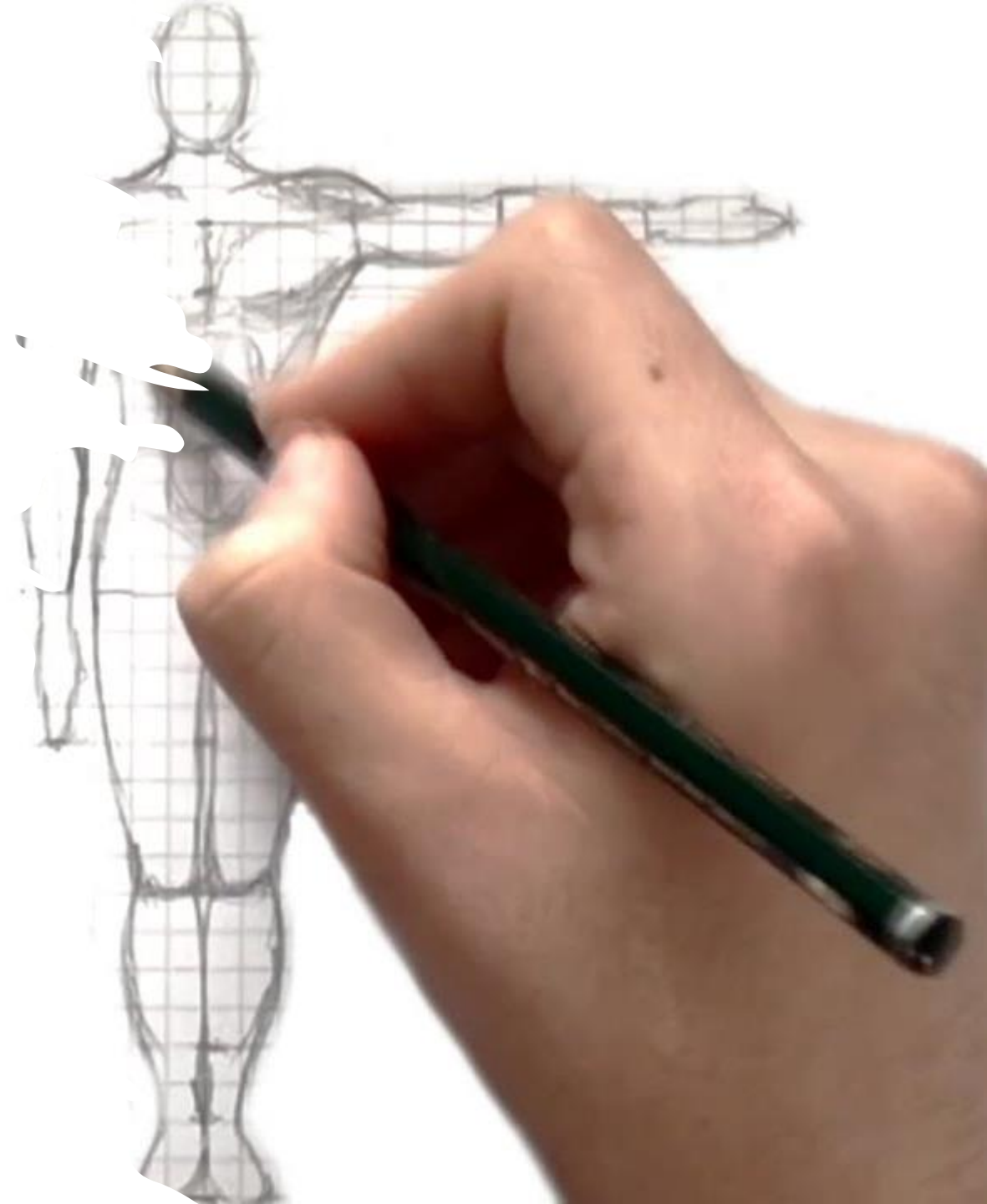
V. Does this mean that women can never teach in the church?

No, Scripture allows for women to teach children & other women (Titus 2:3-5; 2 Tim. 1:5), and to instruct men privately (Acts 18:26).



VI. Does that mean that women can be a pastor?

No, according to 1 Timothy 3:1-7 only men are to be pastors.



VII. Isn't that kind of sexist?

No. Sexism is built on the supposed superiority of one gender over the other. The requirement that only men be pastors is built on God's design for men and women, not superiority.

