

## What Is Man? Lesson 4: The Roles of Men and Women in Church

### Introduction:

- Should some governing and teaching roles in the church be held \_\_\_\_\_ by men?

#### 1. Different views

A. Some people say that since men and women are equal in value, that all positions in the church are open to both men and women alike.

- These people believe that women are allowed to \_\_\_\_\_ the church and \_\_\_\_\_ the whole church the same as men.

B. Some people say that men and women are equal in value, but have different \_\_\_\_\_ in the home and church.

- This is the view that teaches that the roles of governing the church and teaching the whole church are reserved \_\_\_\_\_ for men.

#### 2. Male Leadership in Scripture.

A. The model of male leadership among the \_\_\_\_\_.

- None of us would accuse Jesus Christ of discriminating against women.
  - Jesus started a conversation to the woman at the well.

***John 4.7–9*** A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “**How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?**”

- Women ministered to Jesus and the apostles as they travelled.

***Luke 8.1–3*** Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, 2 and **also some women** who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: **Mary, called Magdalene**, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 and **Joanna**, the wife of Chuza, Herod’s household manager, and **Susanna**, and **many others, who provided for them out of their means.**

- **Jesus appeared first to women after His resurrection.**

***Matt 28.8–10*** *8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.*

- **Jesus only appointed men to the foundational office of Apostle.**
  - **Jesus’ choice of male leadership was a reflection of the order of \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - **Even when the Apostles were led to replace Judas, only men were considered.**

***Acts 1.21–23*** *So one of the **men** who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these **men** must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” 23 And they put forward two, **Joseph** called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and **Matthias**.*

- **This also follows God’s pattern of leadership in the Old Testament where all kings, priests, and authors of Scripture were men.**
- **God specifically required all of Israel’s men to worship Him in Jerusalem, even if their wives could not come with them.**

***Deut 16.16*** *“Three times a year all your **males** shall appear before the LORD your God at the place that he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths. They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.*

## **B. The model of male leadership in the New Testament \_\_\_\_\_.**

***Eph 2.19–20*** *So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 **built on the foundation of the apostles** and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,*

- **Just as Scripture teaches male leadership in the \_\_\_\_\_, it also teaches male leadership in the church.**

**1 Tim 3.14–15** *I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, 15 if I delay, **you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.** 16*

**1 Tim 2.11–15** *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. 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.*

1. Paul prohibits women from \_\_\_\_\_ men in the church.

**1 Tim 2.11** *Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness.*

**1 Tim 2.12** *I do not permit a woman **to teach or to exercise authority over a man**; rather, she is to remain quiet.*

**1 Cor 14.33–35** *As in all the churches of the saints, 34 **the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak**, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. 35 If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. **For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.***

• Paul is not saying women can never teach \_\_\_\_\_ in the church.

- Women should teach other \_\_\_\_\_.

**Titus 2.3–4** *Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. **They are to teach what is good, 4 and so train the young women** to love their husbands and children,*

- Women can \_\_\_\_\_ men privately alongside their husbands.

**Acts 18.24–26** *Now a Jew named **Apollos**, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. 25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. 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.***

- Women should teach their own \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Tim. 2.15** *Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.*

- Women should \_\_\_\_\_ men.

***Phil 4.2–3*** I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help **these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel** together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

***John 4.28–30*** So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and **said to the people, 29 “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” 30** They went out of the town and were coming to him.

***John 4.39*** Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the **woman’s testimony**, “He told me all that I ever did.”

- **What about the daughters of Philip who prophesied?**

***Acts 21.8–9*** On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. 9 **He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied.**

- This does not say that they preached to men when the church gathered for worship, or that they \_\_\_\_\_ what Paul teaches in 1 Timothy 2.
- When the church is gathered together for public \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord’s day, a woman is not to teach or preach to the men.

## 2. Paul prohibits women from exercising \_\_\_\_\_ over men in the church.

***1 Tim 2.12–14*** I do not permit a woman to teach or **to exercise authority over a man**; rather, she is to remain quiet. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve; 14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.

- In 1 Timothy 3, Paul teaches us that the office of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ is to be held by men.

***1 Tim 3.1*** The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, **he** desires a noble task.

***1 Tim 3.2*** Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, **the husband of one wife**, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

***1 Tim 3.4–5*** **He must manage his own household well**, with all dignity keeping **his** children submissive, 5 for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will **he** care for God’s church?

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**1 Tim 5.17** Let the **elders who rule** well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who **labor in preaching and teaching**.

- **What about Deborah who led Israel in the book of Judges?**

**Judg 4.4–5** Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time. **5** She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and **the people of Israel came up to her for judgment**.

- Her function was primarily to make wise decisions on difficult matters of \_\_\_\_\_, not to lead them in worship.
- When it was time to lead the nation into war, she asked a man, Barak, to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of the men in battle.

**Judg 4.6–7** She sent and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali and said to him, “Has not the LORD, the God of Israel, **commanded you, ‘Go, gather your men** at Mount Tabor, taking 10,000 from the people of Naphtali and the people of Zebulun. **7** And I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the river Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will **give him into your hand’?**”

- **Wise Pastors and Elders will often \_\_\_\_\_ to the insight and counsel of women in their churches.**
- **Wise Pastors and Elders will be \_\_\_\_\_ to many other kinds of valuable ministries for women to perform in the church.**

**1 Cor 12.4–7** Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; **5** and there are **varieties of service, but the same Lord**; **6** and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. **7** **To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.**

**1 Cor 12.12** For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

- **Paul commended several women for being very helpful to his ministry.**

**Rom 16.3–5** Greet **Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus**, **4** who **risked their necks for my life**, to whom not only I give thanks but **all the churches** of the Gentiles give thanks as well. **5** Greet also **the church in their house**.