

# A Woman's Place Is In the Church

## (The Role of Women in the Bible)

### Resources Used for This Topic Include:

Alan Johnson: How I Changed My Mind About Women In Leadership

Richards and O'Brien: Paul Behaving Badly

Michael Bird: Bourgeois Babes, Bossy Wives, and Bobby Haircuts.

Scot McKnight: The Blue Parakeet.

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David Lamb: God Behaving Badly

David Scholer: Women In Ministry (an article)

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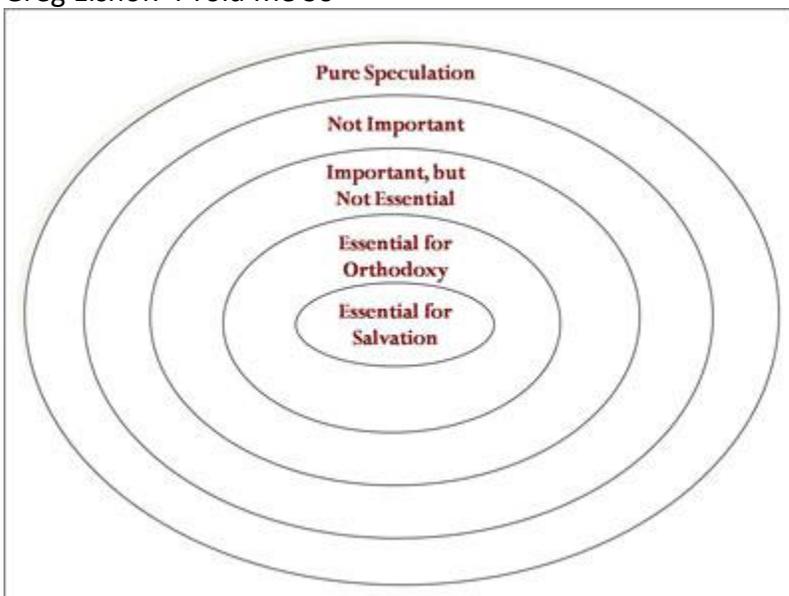
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Bruce Ware: Summaries of the Egalitarian and Complementarian Positions (Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood)

Piper and Grudem: Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood.

Jamin Hubner: Subordinationism: Some Major Questions (Patheos, Jesus Creed Blogpost)

Greg Elshof: I Told Me So



- You may or may not know that there are many \_\_\_\_\_ loving, \_\_\_\_\_ believing, \_\_\_\_\_ church on \_\_\_\_\_ sides of this issue.
- **God’s Word does not lie or \_\_\_\_\_ itself, so something \_\_\_\_\_ must be going on when you have texts that don’t make sense together.**

## Women In The Old Testament

- Some use the argument that \_\_\_\_\_ was made first, so man is superior to woman.
- In Genesis 2:18 God saw that it was not good for Adam to be alone, so he said he would make a “\_\_\_\_\_ fit for him.”
- It should be noted that the word “helper” doesn’t mean \_\_\_\_\_ than—in fact in many places that same Hebrew word is used for \_\_\_\_\_ being our “helper.”

**GENESIS THREE IS \_\_\_\_\_ THE WAY IT’S SUPPOSED TO BE! THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL ARE NOT TO BE \_\_\_\_\_,**

**THEY ARE NOT \_\_\_\_\_ REALITIES—GOD HIMSELF ACTS IN JESUS TO \_\_\_\_\_ THEM.**

- **Miriam**, Moses sister, is called a “\_\_\_\_\_” in Ex 15:20. In Numbers 12:2 indicates the Lord spoke through Miriam.
- **Huldah** was another woman through whom God brought \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel.
- Judges 4:4: “Now **Deborah**, a PROPHET, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time”
- Miriam’s prophecy, Deborah’s song, Hannah’s song, the words of the wise women of Tekoa, and Mary’s Magnificat **are all beloved and \_\_\_\_\_ TEXTS OF THE BIBLE.**

- Of course, two women honored by men and YHWH were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and TWO of the books of the Bible are devoted to their stories!
- **“Women in the Old Testament exercised \_\_\_\_\_.** **Women in the Old Testament spoke for God as \_\_\_\_\_.”** (Scot McKnight)

## Women And Jesus

- **We must acknowledge that Jesus only chose \_\_\_\_\_ to be part of the twelve.**
- But it is also easily acknowledged that Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_ disciples.
- Jesus absolutely destroyed the stereotypes and \_\_\_\_\_ of his day regarding women.
- **But Jesus took women seriously.**
  - He told stories in which women are the \_\_\_\_\_
  - To \_\_\_\_\_ to women
  - He affirmed women \_\_\_\_\_
  - While Men were treating him \_\_\_\_\_—the women are \_\_\_\_\_ for his needs.
- **They were the \_\_\_\_\_ at the cross, the \_\_\_\_\_ at the tomb** WOMEN were the \_\_\_\_\_ ones to bring the good news of the gospel.

## Women In The Early Church

- On the Day of Pentecost, Day One of the Church, Peter quotes the Prophet Joel that says, “I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and our sons **AND YOUR \_\_\_\_\_** shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams,

and on my male slaves and on my \_\_\_\_\_ slaves in those days I shall pour out my Spirit and \_\_\_\_\_ shall prophesy.”

- In Acts 11:27, 13:1, 15:32 and 21:9,10 Besides Paul himself, seven men and four women are identified as \_\_\_\_\_.
- In Acts 18:2, 18,26 we find the importance of **Priscilla**. She, along with her husband Aquila, \_\_\_\_\_ Apollos. (Acts 18:26).
- Paul also mentions women by name and calls them “co-workers”. This includes Pricilla, **Euodia**, and **Syntyche**. The word “\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_” (synergos).
- Then there is a woman named “**Junia**.” Romans 16:7 says “Greet Andronicus and JUNIA, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. \_\_\_\_\_ are outstanding among the \_\_\_\_\_, and they were in Christ before I was.”
- **Phoebe** is called a \_\_\_\_\_ and benefactor in Romans 16:1-2.
- The key question to ask regarding what women \_\_\_\_\_ do in the church is ask what \_\_\_\_\_ they do in the church as recorded in the New Testament.

## Conclusion:

- **trajectory hermeneutic**
- The point is unlike the trajectory for homosexuality which was much more \_\_\_\_\_ than the culture; the trajectory for women was much more \_\_\_\_\_ on every front.
- **Let me close by reminding you the Bible is all about \_\_\_\_\_.**

In the Book “I TOLD ME SO” Gregg Ten Elshof writes:

“The occasion to have a \_\_\_\_\_ and thoughtful discussion with someone who genuinely \_\_\_\_\_ you and disagrees with you \_\_\_\_\_, is a rare and precious \_\_\_\_\_!”