

**Women in Ministry**

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**What is the challenge?**

Men vs women?  
Scripture vs women

- Interpretation of 1 Corinthians 14:33-35 & 1 Timothy 2:11-12
- Have cause confusion and hurt over centuries

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As a result of these scriptures, two extreme interpretations of the role of women have developed over the centuries:

Gender is used as a disqualifier of women in certain ministries. Matthew Henry: Women are not allowed to be public teachers in the church...But they may teach their children at home

Several feminist critics have thrown the whole Bible out because of these scriptures

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**Two golden rules:**

A golden rule in Bible interpretation is to interpret scripture with scripture.

Another golden rule in interpretation is to compare Scripture with Scripture

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**Many examples of women in Leadership in Old Testament times:**

Miriam in Micah: 6:4  
Deborah in Judges: 4: 4-5  
Huldah in 2 Kings 22:13-15

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*1Co 14:33 For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints,*

*1Co 14:34 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.*

*1Co 14:35 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.*

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*1Ti 2:11 Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness.  
1Ti 2:12 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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Acts 1:13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

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Act 2:16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:  
Act 2:17 "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; <sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

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Phillipians 4:2 I entreat and advise Euodia and I entreat and advise Syntyche to agree and to work in harmony in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>And I exhort you too, [my] *genuine yokefellow*, *help these [two women to keep on cooperating], for they have toiled along with me in [the spreading of] the good news (the Gospel), as have Clement and the rest of my fellow workers whose names are in the Book of Life.*

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Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.  
Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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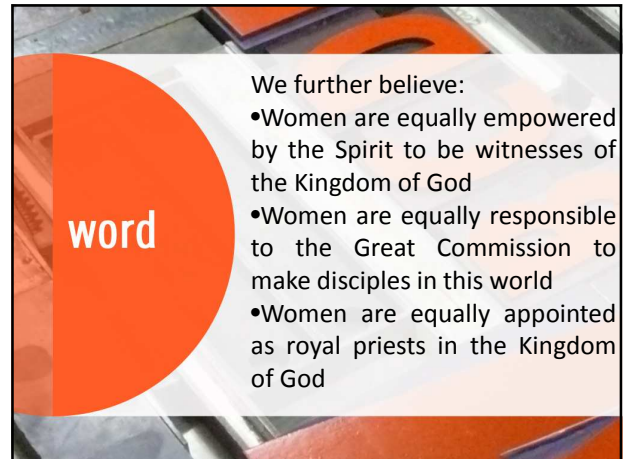
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*We take an egalitarian (equitable, sharing) view of manhood and womanhood. That is to say that men and women have been created fully in the image of God and as such are:*

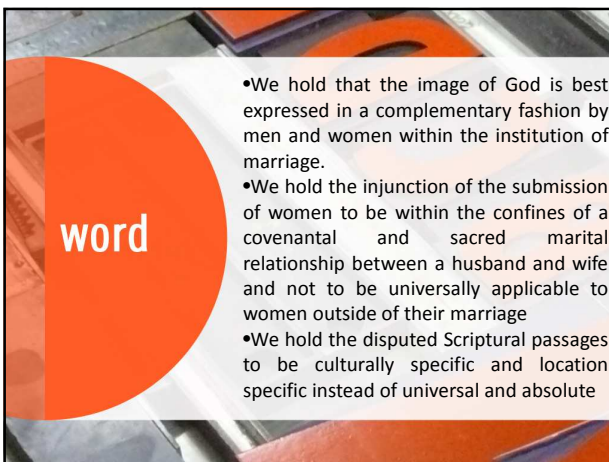
- Fully and equally represent aspects of the nature of God upon the earth
- Fully and equally have potential for relationship with God
- Fully and equally responsible to God for the stewardship of the Great Commission



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We further believe:

- Women are equally empowered by the Spirit to be witnesses of the Kingdom of God
- Women are equally responsible to the Great Commission to make disciples in this world
- Women are equally appointed as royal priests in the Kingdom of God



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- We hold that the image of God is best expressed in a complementary fashion by men and women within the institution of marriage.
- We hold the injunction of the submission of women to be within the confines of a covenantal and sacred marital relationship between a husband and wife and not to be universally applicable to women outside of their marriage
- We hold the disputed Scriptural passages to be culturally specific and location specific instead of universal and absolute