

3. It is just not fair.



IV. Final Reflections. Keep Looking at the Bible!

Coming Up:

March 12 – Gender Confusion

March 19 – Panel Discussion and Q&A (in Empire Room)

For further study:

1. God's Design for Man and Womanhood, Andreas & Margaret Köstenberger
2. Women in the Church, 3rd Edition, edited by Andreas J. Köstenberger and Thomas R. Schreiner.
3. Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood, edited by John Piper and Wayne Grudem

Questions and comments are welcome!

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Objections to Complementarianism

I. Introduction

II. Biblical Objections

1. In Ephesians 5:21, Paul says that all Christians are to "submit to one another." Doesn't the Bible teach mutual submission? And doesn't that rid us of any idea that man is the head?

2. In 1 Timothy 2:12, isn't Paul prohibiting women from *usurping* authority, or exercising it in an *abusive* or *harmful* way? Wouldn't this then permit women to exercise authority *positively*, or at least under the delegated authority of the elders?

3. Doesn't Galatians 3:28 remove gender as a basis for distinction of roles in the church?

4. Didn't Priscilla teach Apollos in Acts 18:26? Doesn't that show that the early church did not exclude women from the teaching office of the church?

5. Don't you think that all these texts we've studied are simply a temporary compromise with the cultural status quo, while the main thrust of Scripture is toward the leveling of gender roles?

6. What about Deborah's leadership in the Book of Judges? Doesn't that undermine the complementarian understanding of gender roles?

III. General Objections

1. Does stressing male headship encourage domestic abuse?

2. If God has genuinely called a woman to be a pastor, who are you to say that she cannot be one?