

WOMEN AND MINISTRY

FAMILY AND MINISTRY SERIES PART II

*"And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow,
help those women which laboured with me in the gospel"*

~ Philipians 4:3

1. Women, Too

- a. Any man in Christ includes any woman, too - 2 Cor 5:17-18, Gal 3:28
- b. Christ is the one mediator between God and men (women, too) – 1 Tim 2:5
- c. God's will is for women, too – 1 Tim 2:4, Eph 3:9, 1Th 1:3, Acts 18:26
- d. Women supply in church ministry – Eph 4:16, Col 2:19, Rom 12:3-5
- e. Women given dominion (Gen 1:28), teach (Ti 2:3-5), lead (Rom 16:2), minister (Phi 4:3)

2. Women Become Wives and Mothers

- a. In marriage/family there *is* male and female – 1 Cor 11:3
- b. Women become wives and mothers. A woman is never a husband or father.
 - i. Can a child be a parent, can a mother be a husband, can a father be a child?
- c. Pastor/bishop/elder perform as husbands for husbands – 1 Tim 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-11
- d. The qualification for the position is his house, which includes the wife – 1 Tim 3:2,4-5,11
- e. We need more women in ministry, ministry is not limited to one office held by only a few.

3. Women as a Ministry Pattern

- a. Before you can minister outside the home you must minister in it. First, women.
 - i. Why women, first? The church can't function w/o our submitting – Eph 5:1,21
- b. 2 principles for ministry we learn from marriage:
 - i. 1) How to submit to someone your equal, 2) How to lead by sacrificing yourself
- c. God's command to women – "submit to your own husbands" – Col 3:18, Eph 5:22-23
- d. Women are told to submit to the responsibility/accountability entrusted to the husband
- e. Submission is not inferior, less than, incapable – being the head does not mean better
 - i. Citizen to presidents; student - teachers; athletes - coaches; Christians- pastors.
- f. Submit ~def. subject, obey, be under, serve, yield, esteem/revere another over you
- g. "submit yourselves" – A willing submission (e.g. sports, school, groups, jobs, etc.)
- h. "as unto the Lord" – You submit to Christ by grace/faith/love not by law/force
- i. "as the church is subject" – the church submits like the wife - Eph 5:24 (a pattern)
- j. Women exemplify helpful humility and service in the church - Eph 5:21, Phil 2:1-7
 - i. How does the church submit to the elders/pastor? The same
- k. Women willingly submitting to God's will is to help others take their responsibility.
 - i. Church following a pattern of godly women - 2Tim 1:5, Col 4:15, 1Cor 16:15-16
- l. Good mothers → persistent labour, love, and leading by example - 1 Th 2:5-9
- m. Without godly women the church is filled with boasting, power-hungry, flattery, laziness.
- n. Ministry is not where we either get served or be the head.
- o. Ministry is helping others to grow and take their responsibility in the Lord - Eph 4:1
- p. To women who can do better – we need your help to pattern subjection for the church.
- q. To women who think they can't – we need you to grow and learn to be better ministers