

# **WOMEN MINISTERS**

## **A MISUNDERSTOOD SERVICE IN THE BODY**

### **1. Women as Pastors**

- a. Lesson 1 – Ministry is not equivalent to pastor, speaking, being 'in charge', paid, etc.
- b. Lesson 2 – The most important work of ministry is not the pastoral ministry.
- c. Lesson 3 – Women ministers, and you think I am referring to women as pastors? No
- d. The Bible is clear if it is believed: women were not bishops and heads (not misogyny)
- e. Women bishops are a watershed in church failure due to misunderstanding ministry.

### **2. Women as Ministers**

- a. We must all learn to be good ministers. None are born to it (gender, heritage, etc.)
- b. Men and women are different. The difference is not their value to the Lord - Gal 3:28
- c. Women are not made to be fathers. Men are not made to be effeminate - 1 Cor 6:9
- d. Female as ministers in the Bible - Gen 1:28, Isa 8:3, Luke 2:36, Acts 16:14-15, 40
- e. Women can be ministers of the most important kind. We need more women to minister

### **3. A Common Vocation**

- a. Women have the same calling as men in the Body, not to be children- Eph 4:1, 4:14-16
- b. (Nobody called to ordained office. They must desire and be proven - 1Tim 3:1, 10)
- c. These offices were meant to facilitate ministry, not limit or stifle it – Eph 4:12,
- d. Ministry and will of God is for women, too - 2Co 5:17, 1Ti 2:4-6, Eph 3:9,5:16, 1Th 1:3
- e. The reasonable service in Romans 12 includes women - 12:1-21

### **4. Messengers, Teachers, Gospel Workers**

- a. "I commend... our sister" "assist her" – she leads, instructs, gets help - Romans 16:1-3
- b. A woman helped teach an "eloquent man" more perfectly - Acts 18:26
- c. "I suffer not a woman to teach" has a context, because Paul says to teach elsewhere.
- d. "*teachers of good things*" - This creates faithful servants of the Lord - Titus 2:3-5
- e. These women labored with Paul in the gospel, "help them" - Phi 4:2-3

### **5. Subjection and Submission**

- a. Submission is a service. Something everyone is told to do – Rom 13:1, Ti 3:1, Eph 5:21
- b. Women can communicate what godly subjection (service) looks like - Eph 5:24
- c. Children obey parents, mother obeys father - Eph 6:1, Titus 2:5
- d. What does it mean to obey? To yield to the will of another - Rom 6:16-17, Luke 22:42
- e. Women pattern Christ in his humble submission and obedience being equal - Phi 2:4-8
- f. Women pattern the Holy Ghost in his help dwelling in the church subject to Christ.

### **6. Keepers at Home**

- a. If more ministry is not happening at home than church meetings, then there is a failure
- b. Women instructed to "keepers at home" and "guide the house" - Titus 2:5, 1 Tim 5:14
- c. Jews exempted (not prohibited) women from laws/service, due to importance of home
- d. Prov 31 woman buys property, earns money, opens her mouth, praised for fearing God
- e. Women in the Bible can either make (Mary) or break men (Delilah) - Prov 31:1-3
- f. The kind of help men needed (Gen 2:18) was the kind God could provide - Psalm 121
- g. Timothy learned the scriptures as a child, not from dad - 2 Tim 3:15, 1:5, Acts 16:1
- h. Quiet and peaceful lives start at home, marriages, with women – 1 Tim 2:1-2, 3:11
- i. We need women to pattern faithfully holding the Head in all things – Col 2:19, 1Cor 4:2