

**Grace College**  
**Continuing Education Program in Women's Leadership Studies**  
*STRETCHING MINDS, STRENGTHENING HEARTS, SHAPING HANDS.*

Women and Scripture  
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**Course Description:**

Participants will explore God's perspective on women and wrestle with integrating this into their own value system. In order to do this, participants will explore both the Old and New Testaments to discover the various ways the image of God is represented in women, will embrace what God specifically says about women and will recognize contemporary applications of these truths to life and leadership

**Learning Outcomes:**

As you participate in class, you will be able to:

1. Identify and analyze the contribution of key women in the Old and New Testament to your biblical worldview.
2. Articulate and explain key issues related to understanding the Bible's depiction of masculinity and femininity.
3. Recognize and evaluate societal, cultural, historical and familial dimensions of womanhood and assess their impact on the role of women today.
4. Understand key components and interpretive passages that guide theological perspectives of women in ministry.
5. Identify ways to appropriately examine and nurture personal growth as a woman or man who is a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ.
6. Explore the current status and role of women in the church today.

**Recommended Texts:**

Beck, J. (Ed.). (2005). *Two Views on Women in Ministry (Rev. Ed.)*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Crabb, L. (2013). *Fully Alive*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books.

Eldredge, J. & S. (2011). *Captivating*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson.

Fincher, J. G. (2007). *Ruby Slippers*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

James, C. C. (2001). *When Life and Beliefs Collide*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.

James, C. C. (2008). *Lost Women of the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.

James, C. C. (2011). *Half the Church*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.

Piper, J. & Grudem, W. (Eds.). (2012). *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway.

Richards, S. & Richards, L. (1999). *Every Woman in the Bible*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Saucy, R. & TenElshof, J. (Eds.). (2001). *Women and Men in Ministry*. Chicago: Moody.

**Course Overview:**

*Prerequisites:* None

*Requirements for obtaining CEU credit:*

Active participation in class discussion is a vital part of your personal growth and integration of course content. Please come to class ready to interact not only with the course material, but also with your fellow classmates. We will be using our Bibles to investigate God's view of Women in His Word. Bring your favorite translation of Scripture (I recommend NASB, ESV, NIV, NKJV) and a way to record your thoughts (pencil, pen, laptop). Handouts of powerpoint presentations and extra paper will be provided for you. You must be present for all 10 hours of instruction in order to receive 1 credit toward the CEU certification program.