

# Women in Leadership

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The Scriptures plainly teach that divinely called and qualified women may also serve the church in the ministry of the Word (Joel 2:29; Acts 21:9; I Corinthians 11:5)

In the very first pages of the Word, in Genesis 1, God told THEM to lead subdue the earth and rule and reign together. Interesting.

This isn't about women's liberation. It's about aligning with the Word of God and the ways of Jesus. How did Jesus minister and who did He minister with? Did He minister with women and men? These are questions we should be asking when speaking on this topic. Promotion in the kingdom is promoted to servant hood. So it's not about power. ( John 13 ) Leadership is serving.

The goal is to be a whole reflection of the heart of God. If there wasn't supposed to be a difference between a man and woman then God wouldn't have made two different genders.

There's often a difference between how men and women make decisions. Women will back off until they KNOW they can hit the mark. Men are more likely to take risks. Usually this makes a man better suited to the key leader of an organization because of what we all know of “

I personally believe God is raising up a powerful army of women full of the Spirit. I see it, and I hear it. The same spirit that brought injustice (because of Seymour's color) into a move of God will bring another outpouring of the Spirit of God through the least likely (in the eyes of men) but the most likely in the eyes of God.

Rise, daughters! The Miriam's, Deborah's, Esther's, Rahab's, Ruth's, Junia's, Priscilla's, Lydia's, Phebe's, Julia's, Tryphena's, Tabitha's, the daughters of Phillip, and the list goes on and on. Insert your name and continue doing what God calls you to, my friend.

Side note: If we are all made in the likeness of God, then females and males are the complete reflections of God. It's not one or the other. We're most fully reflecting God when we go together equally. When we break down the patriarchy, we are living Jesus' life. If you read the red letters of scripture, you will see that Jesus came to redeem what sin ushered into a broken world. Women were treated less than dogs, but Jesus gave Mary the invited place at his feet, the posture of a disciple, something only men could do, be taught by the rabbis.

I have a friend named Lydia Marrow (As an artist/songwriter named Lydia Stanelly) that can preach the lights out shall I dare say it - 10x - better than a hundred men I've heard. She is anointed to do such ministry. Period. Anyone filled with the Spirit of God can't deny when she is ministering that she is indeed filled with the same Spirit and anointed by the Spirit of Jesus to preach the Gospel of Jesus and heal the sick and light a fire under those believers whose heart is now callous. Lydia is only one example I could give of many women that I have personally witnessed minister in leadership roles and hit it out of the park with FRUIT that follows: salvations, healings & repentance.

Keep in mind one last reason I think women should be in leadership alongside us men. It's a gift that women are sensitive. They notice the nuances of the situation.

In Luke 10:38 we read about Martha and Mary  
Mary was sitting as a disciple learning from a Rabbi  
Women didn't do that. Jesus corrected Martha saying Mary is doing what she was designed to do. The culture said "No. That's not allowed." Then Jesus chimed in "Yes. She should continue sitting with me and learning."

Ok, my last point, If a woman can birth Jesus a woman can preach Jesus.

Here's the position held by the Assemblies of God, the denomination we are apart of. We believe it wholeheartedly. <https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers/The-Role-of-Women-in-Ministry>