



# *Women* IN MINISTRY

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Spirit School of Ministry

# Part 1

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## SECTION 1: THE GOSPEL EMPOWERS WOMEN

The Gospel empowers women and promotes order.

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If you can argue each side with biblical weight and persuasiveness,  
then side with the heart of God.

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Revelation 21:2 (ESV)

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## The Bride is:

1. A warrior
2. A prophetess
3. A priestess (intercessor)
4. A preacher of the gospel
5. A teacher with authority
6. A church disciplinarian
7. A conflict mediator
8. A co-heir with Christ
9. A mother

10. A leader
11. A counselor
12. A disciple-maker
13. A church-planter
14. A ruler of nations
15. A judge of angels
16. Seated with Christ on His throne
17. Gifted, anointed, and called
18. Wounded, persecuted, and martyred for faithfulness

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Foundational Principle: Women are equal to men in value and power.

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Galatians 3:26-29

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## SECTION 2:

### HISTORY OF THE PRINCIPLE

History of the Principle—God has always spoken and ruled through women.

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Miriam - Micah 6:4

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Huldah the prophetess - 2 Kings 22:14-15

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Deborah - Judges 4:4-5

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Phoebe - Romans 16:1-2

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International Standard Bible Encyclopedia:

"The Greek word *prostatis* translated "helper" is better "patroness."

Strong's for *prostatis*: a woman set over others; a female guardian, protectress, patroness, caring for the affairs of others and aiding them with her resources.

Nympha the church leader

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Junia the apostle - Romans 16:7 (NASB)

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Philip's daughters - Acts 21:8-9 (NASB)

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## SECTION 3:

### 1 TIMOTHY

1 Timothy 2:8-15 (ESV)

Complementarian Interpretation

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Now how do we respond to the Complementarian argument?

Language issues - 1 Corinthians 11:3-12

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Prophecy and public speaking in church were allowed to these wives as long as they remained under spiritual covering. 1 Timothy 2:1-4 (ESV)

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The Problem - marriage disruption ruins the culture of dignity and the witness of the church.

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Deception took root in Ephesus - 1 Timothy 2

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Seizing authority

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Strong's definition of "exercise authority" in verse 12 - authenteō: (1) one who with his own hands kills another or himself; (2) one who acts on his own authority, autocratic; (3) an absolute master; (4) to govern, exercise dominion over.

Not the usual word for authority: exousia, regarding rightly-given power.

Hebrews 5:4-5

Philippians 2:6-9





## SECTION 4:

### 1 CORINTHIANS

#### 1 Corinthians 14:33-35

Read it in cultural context

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Read it in the context of 1 Corinthians 14

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#### 1 Corinthians 14:31-40 (ESV)

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Read in context of all 1 Corinthians.

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Paul is correcting the arrogant, ignorant statements of the Corinthian church throughout this letter.

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Examples:

1 Corinthians 1:12  
1 Corinthians 7:1

1 Corinthians 6:12  
1 Corinthians 8:1

1 Corinthians 6:13  
1 Corinthians 15:12

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# Part 2

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## SECTION 1: GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN FOR WOMEN

### Introduction

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### The Beginning

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### Genesis 1:26-28

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## So what do we see here?

Both men and women were made in the image of God.

Both men and women were blessed by God and instructed to govern the earth and rule over the animals.

Woman was created in equality with the man to rule over the earth.

Together they represent the image of God.

Genesis 2 gives more detail

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God illustrates a couple of important principles:

The importance of relationship

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Our need for one another

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Woman was created as the solution to the first problem.

"I will make" - asa - to produce from oneself, same concept of turning grain into flour.

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A help - ezer

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So again, we see:

Male and female created in the image of God to have dominion over the earth.

God placed the characteristics of His nature in both male and female in completing and complementing ways.

Male and female were not made to compete against one another anymore than the Godhead competes against itself.

Male and female were made to display a more complete and perfect image of God.

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## SECTION 2:

### WOMEN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

#### Sarah

Genesis 12-2 and Hebrews 11

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#### Miriam

Exodus and Numbers, Exodus 2:7, Micah 6:4

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## Deborah

Judges 4

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## Ruth

Book of Ruth

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## Hannah

1 Samuel

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## Esther

Book of Esther

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A few other women who did not fit the typical stereotype:

Judges 9 and 2 Samuel 20

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God uses women to carry, incubate, and nurture His promises,  
and to bring life into the earth.

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We see women standing in places of intercession.

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Women were created by God to be dangerous to the devil and engage  
in spiritual warfare.

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God's daughters are not only designed to raise up and nurture,  
but to be fierce to protect.

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It's about women and men who work together to accomplish the purposes of God.

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## SECTION 3:

### WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Jesus and women

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**Mary**  
Luke 10

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## Washing Jesus' Feet

Luke 7

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## Samaritan Woman

John 4

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## Woman with the Issue of Blood

Luke 8

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## Three Parables

Luke 15

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The way Jesus treats women is so revolutionary!

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### The Early Church

Acts 21:9

Romans 16:1-2

Philippians 4:1-3

Romans 16:17

2 John

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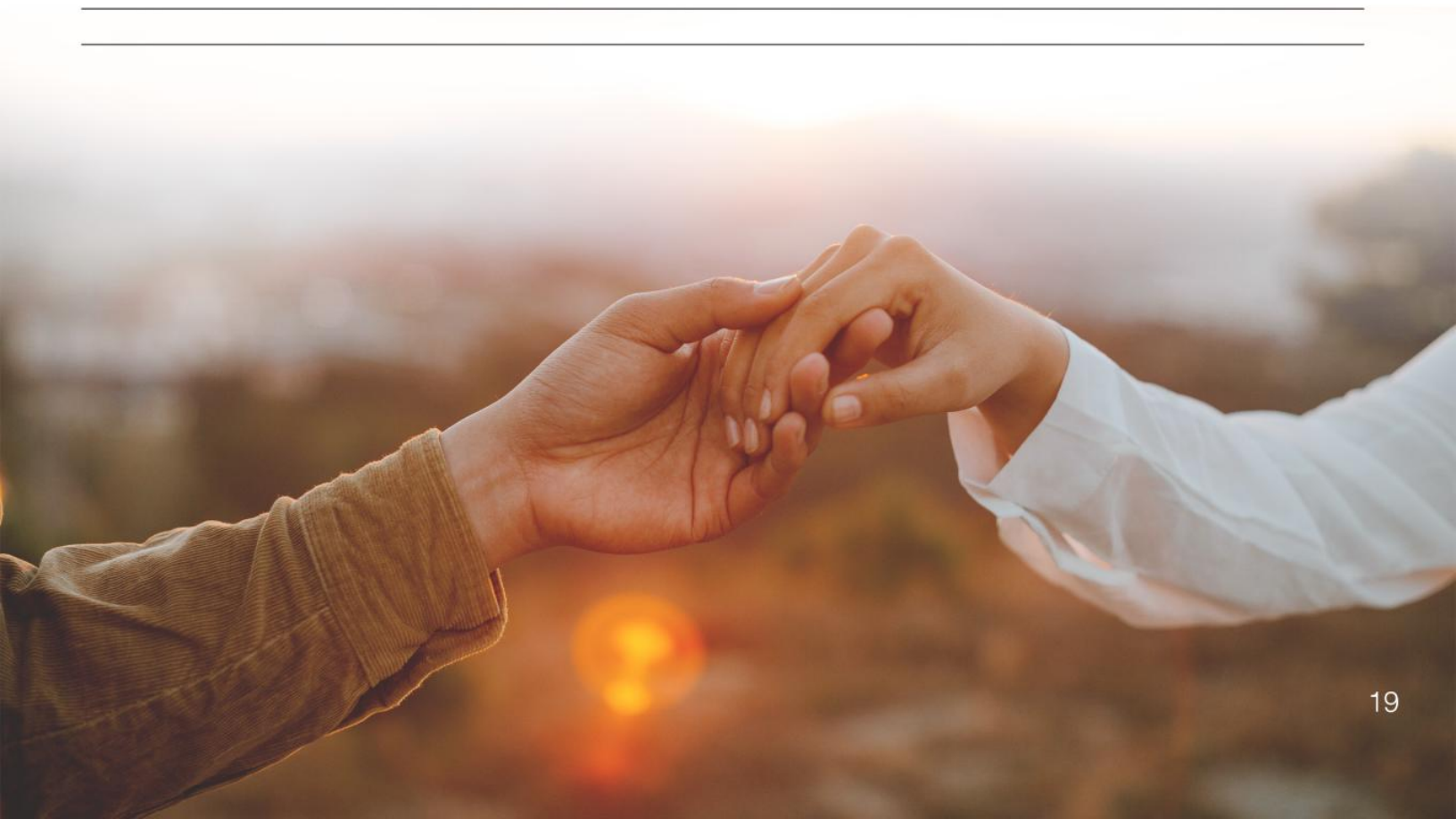
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## SECTION 4:

### MEN AND WOMEN

It takes men and women to accurately represent God.

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God is not a man.

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Holy Spirit is often said to display more “womanly qualities”.

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Jesus is a man.

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## A Challenge to Men

Search your hearts as to how you view women.

Embrace, welcome, and celebrate differences.

Don't back down from your God-given position.

Be like Mordecai who worked alongside Esther and encouraged her.

Recognize that God created women to help, support, and strengthen you.

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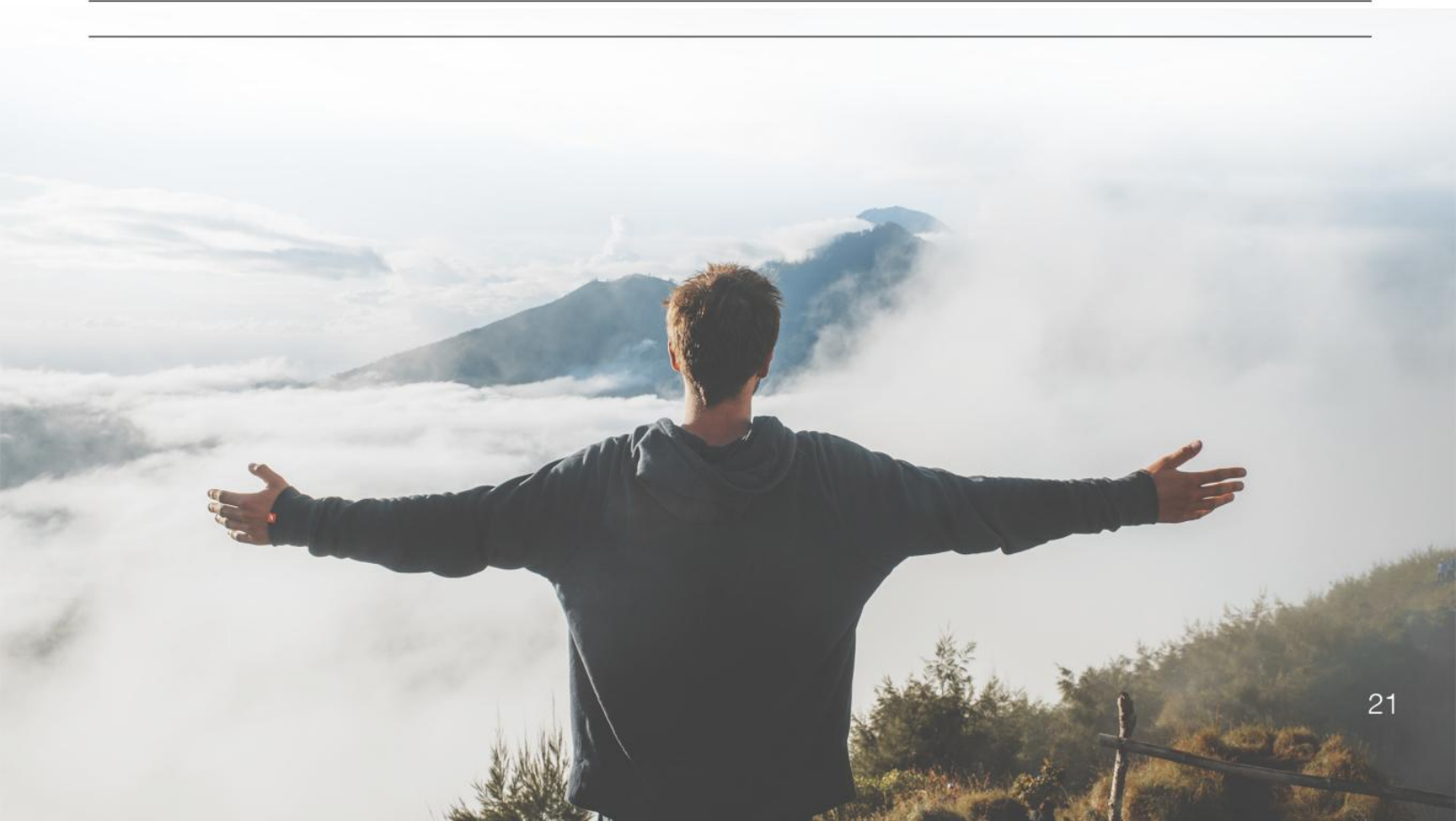
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## A Challenge to Women

If you have felt oppressed, you cannot bring those issues into leadership.

Many women deal with low self-image disguised as humility.

True humility is actually the embracing of truth.

You don't need to be or act like a man to be accepted,  
to be God-like, or to be effective.

Embrace the privilege of being a woman and the unique giftings, capabilities, and assignments that come with it.

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