

Women in Ministry and Biblical Authority

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Women in Ministry – various perspectives

- 1 Timothy 2:11–12
- 1 Corinthians 14:34–35

Comparative Authority – Worldly vs. Biblical

- **Authority from the Dictionary**
 - the power to determine, adjudicate, or otherwise settle issues or disputes; jurisdiction; the right to control, command, or determine.
 - a power or right delegated or given; authorization: Who has the authority to grant permission?
- **Biblical Authority**
- Matthew 20:25–28 ...But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,
- Luke 22:25–27 Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. ... For I am among you as one who serves.
- 1 Peter 5:1–5 ... Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.
- Hebrews 13:17 (NLT) — 17 Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God...
 - Every spiritual leader needs to be under the “watching over” of other spiritual leaders
 - The level of authority one attains will be directly related to one's ability to submit to authority
 - Every spiritual leader gives account to the Great Shepherd, the Chief Shepherd, Jesus – the head of the church
 - Any pastor (shepherd) is an under-shepherd to Jesus
 - The church submits to its head - Jesus

Jesus and the church like husbands and wives – Ephesians 5:21-33

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 - Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ
 - For wives – submit to husband as to the Lord, as the church submits to Christ
 - Husband is head of his wife

- For husbands – love your wives as Christ loved the church, he gave up his life for her
- Husband, love your wife as yourself
- Wife, respect your husband
- Women in ministry leadership with authority
- Matthew 20:25–28
- 1 Timothy 2:11–12 ...I do not let women teach men or have authority over them. Let them listen quietly.
- Is this talking about a biblical authority?
 - Whoever wants to be a leader will be your servant
 - Whoever wants to be first must be your slave
 - Or is this talking about a worldly authority – lord it over, control and command
- 1 Kings 18:4 Jezebel
- 1 Kings 21:25 (NLT) — 25 No one else so completely sold himself to what was evil in the Lord's sight as Ahab did under the influence of his wife Jezebel.
- Authority and Submission in the church – looks very different than in the world.
- Balanced with the place of leadership determining direction and establishing a final determination - for the good of the whole

What I have looked for...be it man or woman in leadership authority...and what I have striven for (yet have not arrived)

- One in authority – under authority?
- Family submission? - man giving his life, woman respecting her husband in a biblical submission – Team ministry
- Overreach? – defensive? Proof of authority by control – Error?
- Working together as a team