

“Is God Chauvinistic?”
Honest Conversations Message Series Week 1

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A. Why does CBC only have male elders and pastors?

1. Jesus chose male leadership on which to build the Church.
(Luke 6:12-16)

2. An elder must be a husband of one wife.
(1 Timothy 3:1-7)

3. Male leadership in the Church and home was God’s plan from the beginning.
(1 Timothy 2:11-14; Ephesians 5:22-24)

B. Is God chauvinistic? Does God value men over women?

1. God created male and female in His image giving worth and value to both.
(Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4)

2. Jesus submitted to God the Father, but this did not mean Jesus was less than the Father.
(John 6:38; Mark 14:36)

3. In Christ's Kingdom, leadership is not about power, control, or perks but is about servicing, protecting, and putting yourself last.
(Mark 10:35-45)

*Our worldly perspective views those in leadership as more important or better than those they serve. This is not God's perspective.

4. Jesus was pro-women in a culture that minimized the dignity of women and depersonalized them.

- Jesus spoke freely to women in public.
(John 4:27, 8:10-11; Luke 7:12-13)
- Jesus ministered to the needs of women.
(Mark 1:30-31; Luke 13:10-17; Matthew 9:20-22)
- Jesus allowed women to minister to Him and with Him.
(Matthew 26:6-13; Luke 8:2-3, 10:40; John 12:2-3)
- Jesus addressed women tenderly placing them on the same spiritual plane as men.
(Luke 13:16)
- Jesus' teaching on divorce treated women as people, not property.
(Matthew 5:32, 19:9)
- Jesus taught women.
(Luke 10:38-42, 23:27-31)

Conclusion: Jesus honored women and empowered them for ministry, but when it came to selecting those for positions of leadership and authority, He chose only men.