

# WOMEN IN MINISTRY

*at Fierce Church*



Romans 14:22a

So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.

Romans 14:22b

Blessed are those who don't feel guilty for doing something they have decided is right.

1 Corinthians 11:5–6 (NLT)

5 But a woman dishonors her head if she prays or prophesies without a covering on her head, for this is the same as shaving her head.

6 Yes, if she refuses to wear a head covering, she should cut off all her hair! But since it is shameful for a woman to have her hair cut or her head shaved, she should wear a covering.

## WHICH INTERPRETATION BEST REPRESENTS ALL OF SCRIPTURE?

1. Women should not be allowed into leadership or teaching roles.
2. Women should be relegated only to roles like teaching children in Sunday school class.
3. There should be no differentiation between men and women in the terms of their roles in the church or in marriage.

### 1 Timothy 3:2–7 (NASB95)

2 An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

3 not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money.

4 He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity

5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?),

6 and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.

7 And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

### 1 Peter 3:1–6 (NLT)

1 In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands. Then, even if some refuse to obey the Good News, your godly lives will speak to them without any words. They will be won over

2 by observing your pure and reverent lives.

3 Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes.

4 You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.

5 This is how the holy women of old made themselves beautiful. They trusted God and accepted the authority of their husbands.

6 For instance, Sarah obeyed her husband, Abraham, and called him her master. You are her daughters when you do what is right without fear of what your husbands might do.

Ephesians 5:22–24 (NLT)

22 For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

23 For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church.

24 As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything.

**4. Women should be allowed to use their gifts as they are gifted, provided they stay in submission to their male spiritual heads.**

Galatians 3:28 (NLT)

28 There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 12:11 (NLT)

11 It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

**1 Timothy 2:9–14 (NASB95)**

**9 Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments,**

**10 but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness.**

**11 A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness.**

1 Timothy 2:2 (NLT)

1 I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.

2 Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.

1 Thessalonians 4:11 (NLT)

11 Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before.

12 But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

1 Corinthians 14:34 (NASB95)

34 The women are to keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but are to subject themselves, just as the Law also says.

1 Corinthians 11:5 (NASB95)

5 But every woman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying disgraces her head, for she is one and the same as the woman whose head is shaved.

13 For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve.

14 And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

There really is a divine, gender based order when it comes to church leadership, though it may not be as strict and all-encompassing as people think.

## AT FIERCE CHURCH

1. The office of elder-pastor is reserved for males.

Hebrews 13:17 (NASB95)

17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

2. Every other role can and should be apportioned on the basis of gift-mix, encouraging ladies to step into their areas of talent and anointing, including the role of campus pastor. The campus pastor, is by definition, has a head they are submitting to.

Titus 2:3–5 (NASB95)

3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,  
4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,  
5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

Proverbs 31:16–29 (NLT)

16 She goes to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings she plants a vineyard.

17 She is energetic and strong, a hard worker.

18 She makes sure her dealings are profitable; her lamp burns late into the night.

19 Her hands are busy spinning thread, her fingers twisting fiber.

20 She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy.

21 She has no fear of winter for her household, for everyone has warm clothes.

22 She makes her own bedspreads. She dresses in fine linen and purple gowns.

23 Her husband is well known at the city gates, where he sits with the other civic leaders.

24 She makes belted linen garments and sashes to sell to the merchants.

25 She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future.

26 When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness.

27 She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness.

28 Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her:

29 “There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!”

## **AT FIERCE CHURCH**

1. Let Gifted Women Demonstrate A Submitted Attitude Toward Their Male Headship.

2. Let Women Strive Toward Inner Character More Than Being Heard.

3. Let Women Lead According To Their Gift Mix.