



The Role of Women in the Church

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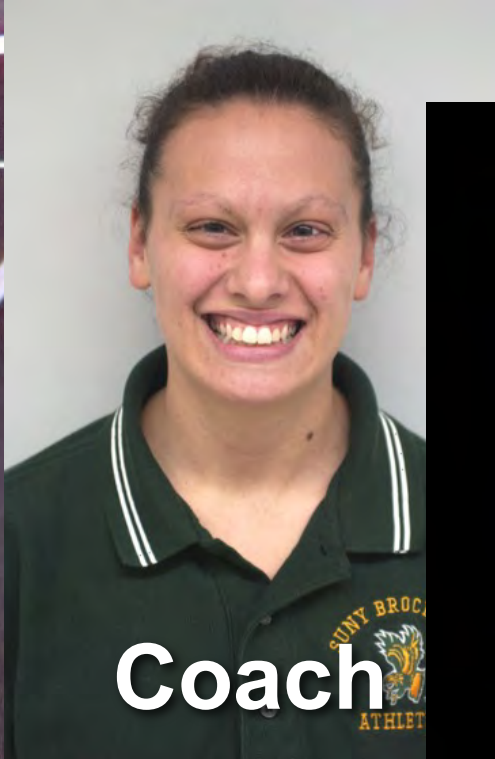


**WOW
(Wider Opportunities for Women)**

Carpenter



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Coach



**in the
society**



...there are more and more women leaders !

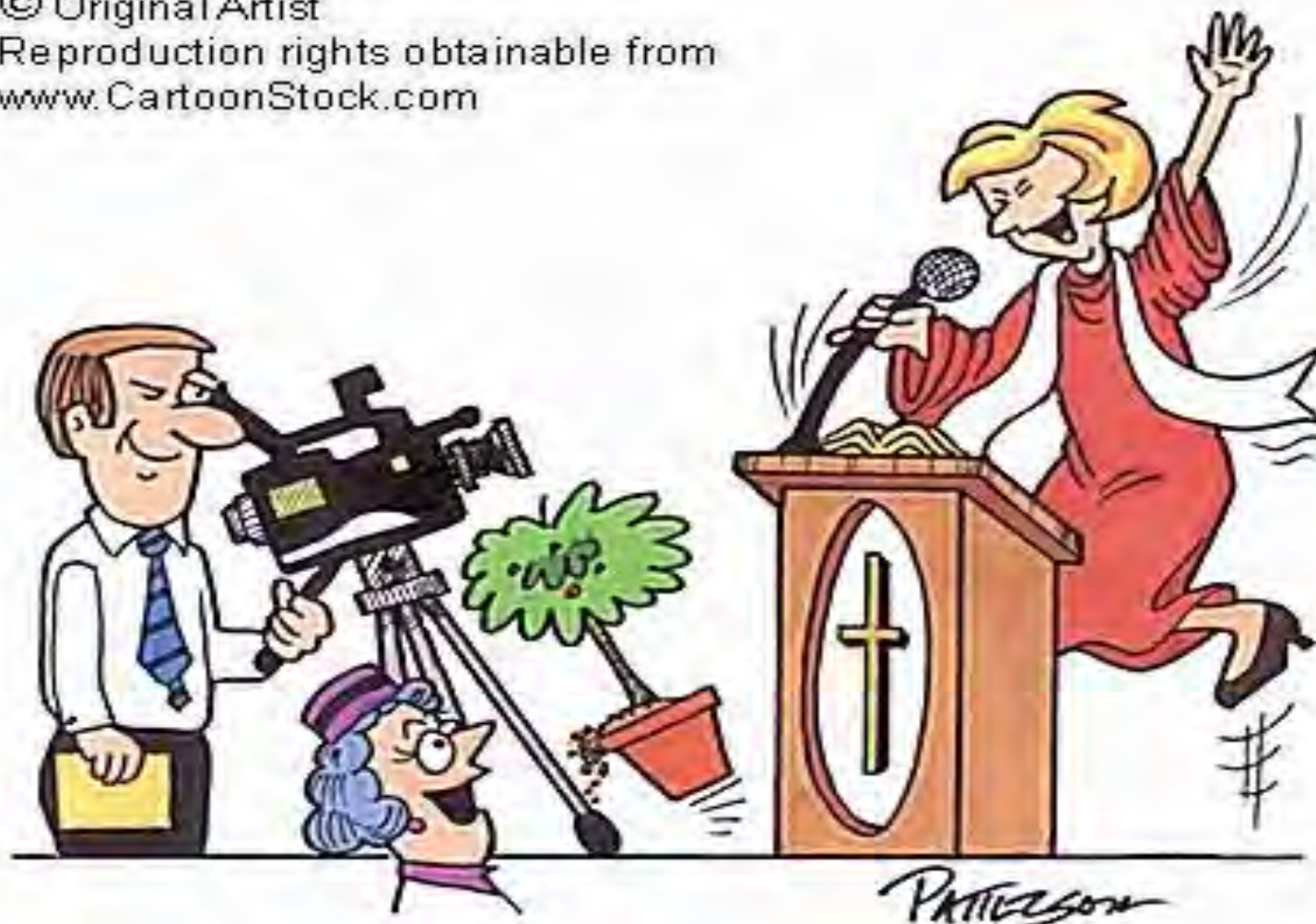
**in the
church**

**... we also have many
women leaders!**



Anne Graham Lotz preaching

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**"Bretheren and Sisteren out there in
Congregational Land!"**



Do men and women have the same roles in the church?

Androgyny

In Corinth and
Singapore

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Should men and
women have
different roles in
the church and
society?

My, how language has changed...

The Past

Mankind

Stewardess

Fireman

Policeman

Boss

The Present

Humankind

Flight Attendant

Fire Fighter

Police Officer

Bosset

What's a Woman to Do?

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**Note: The context of all three passages below is public worship.
It looks like 1 Cor. 11 contradicts 1 Cor. 14 and 1 Tim. 2.**

1 Cor. 11	1 Cor. 14	1 Tim. 2
Can pray publicly (11:5, 13)		Public prayer for men only (2:8)
Can prophesy (11:5)	Speaking is prohibited (14:34)	Must be silent (2:12c)
Speaking is OK (implied)	Speaking is disgraceful (14:35)	
		Can't teach men (2:12a)
		Can't have authority over men (2:12b)
<i>Which text is the general rule (norm) and which is the exception?</i>		
Veils universal practice (11:16)	Silence universal practice (14:33)	Men praying universal practice (2:8)

To see how people have tried to solve these apparent contradictions, see the next 7 pages of the notes!

1 Tim. 2:12



**"I do not permit a woman
to teach or to have
authority over a man;
she must be silent."**

1 Tim. 2:12 NIV



1 Cor. 14:33-34



"As in all the congregations of the saints, women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the Law says."

1 Cor. 14:33-34 NIV



**"My own
conclusion...
the Bible does not
permit women to
function in the role
of pastor or elder
within a church."**



**Wayne Grudem,
Systematic Theology,
Inter-Varsity Press, 937**

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Common Ground

- **This isn't as fundamental as the virgin birth, deity of Christ, salvation by grace...**
- **We all agree to disagree in love**
- **We all learn from God's Word through others in public settings**

"Beyond the Politics of Pandora's Pulpit"



A look at two sides...

**Women
can and should
take the key
leadership role in
the church**



**Women should not take
the key leadership role
in the church**



Women can and should take the key leadership role in the church



Basis

Strengths

Weaknesses

Implications



Women can and should take the key leadership role in the church

In the beginning

God created man and woman equal.

Genesis 1:27



Basis



Women can and should take the key leadership role in the church

God commanded

man and woman to rule over the earth.

Genesis 1:26

Basis



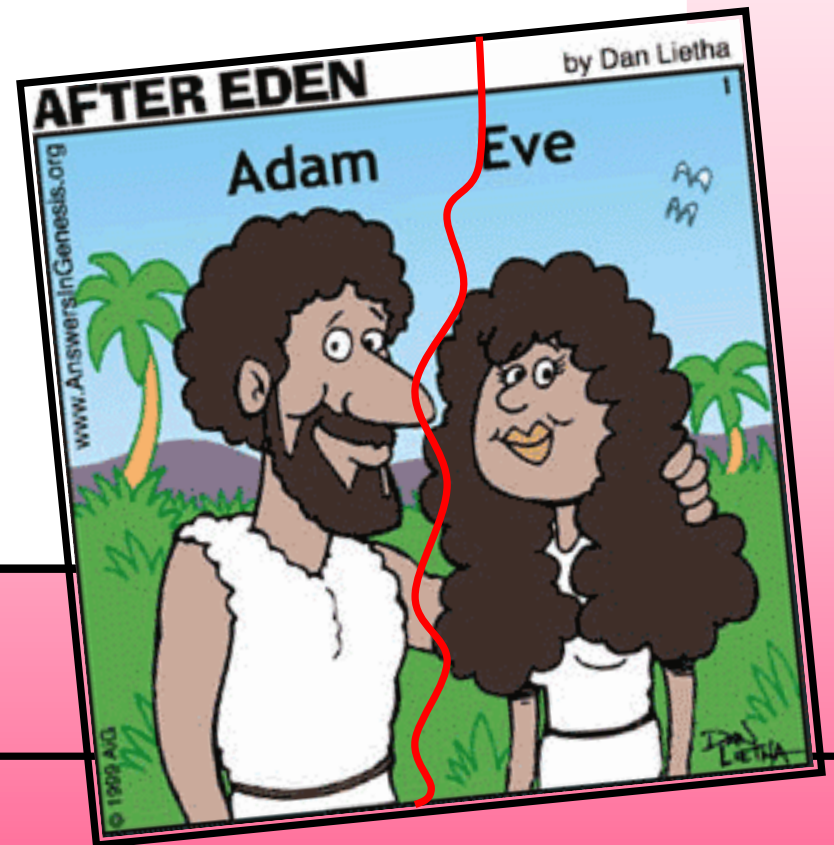


Women can and should take the key leadership role in the church

When man sinned

there was a change in relationship, but not in authority.

Genesis 3:16



Basis



Women can and should take the key leadership role in the church

In the Old Testament...

there were women leaders (e.g., Miriam, Deborah, Esther)



Basis



Women can and should take the key leadership role in the church

In the New Testament...

there are women leaders (e.g. Mary, Priscilla, Junia)



Basis



Women can and should take the key leadership role in the church

Father – Jesus relationship ...

= man – woman relationship.

Basis



Women can and should take the key leadership role in the church

Church can benefit from many gifted women.

+ women leaders show:

**endurance
caring
intuition**

Strengths



Women can and should take the key leadership role in the church

Paul opposed women's leadership in the church.

**1 Corinthians 14:34-35
1 Timothy 2:11-14**

**They lacked biblical instruction?
Too emotional?
No public acceptance?**

Weaknesses



Women can and should take the key leadership role in the church

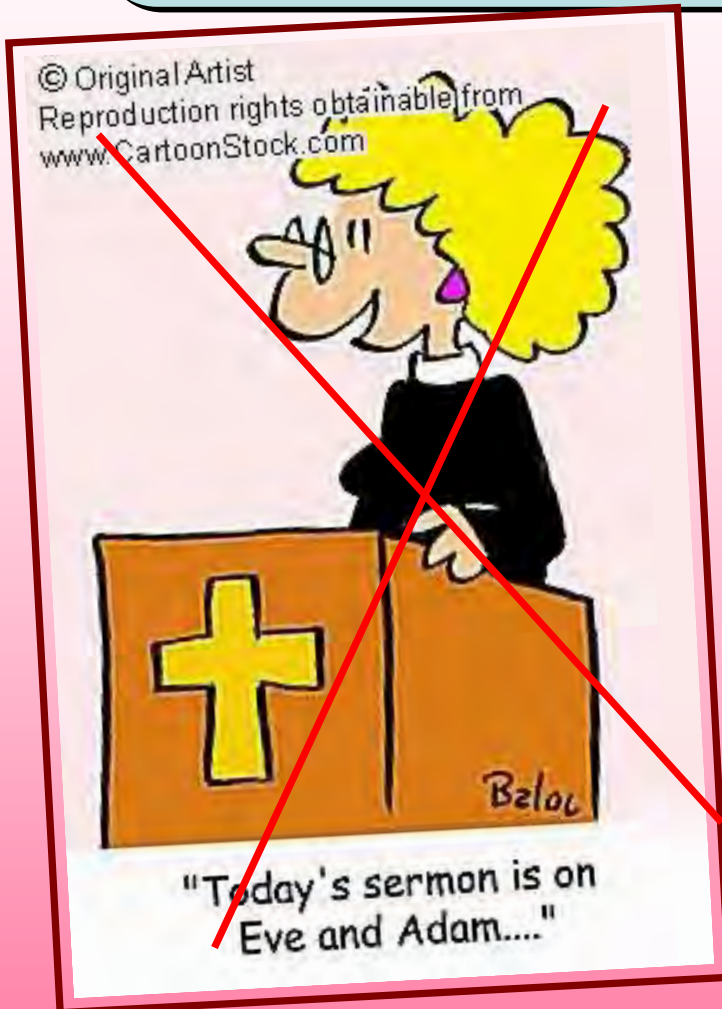
Women can become :

**Worship Leader
Pastor/Teacher
Elder
Deacon**



Implications

Women should not take the key leadership role in the church



Basis

Strengths

Weaknesses

Implications



**Women should not take
the key leadership role in the church**

In the beginning

**God created Adam first, then Eve.
God created woman
from man and for man**

Genesis 2:18, 21

1 Tim. 2:13, 1 Cor. 11:8-9



Basis



Women should not take the key leadership role in the church

God commanded...

man and woman to rule over the earth, but it does not imply that they have the same roles.

Genesis 1:26

Basis





Women should not take the key leadership role in the church

In the beginning...

women was deceived by Satan first, not man.

1 Timothy 2:14

Basis

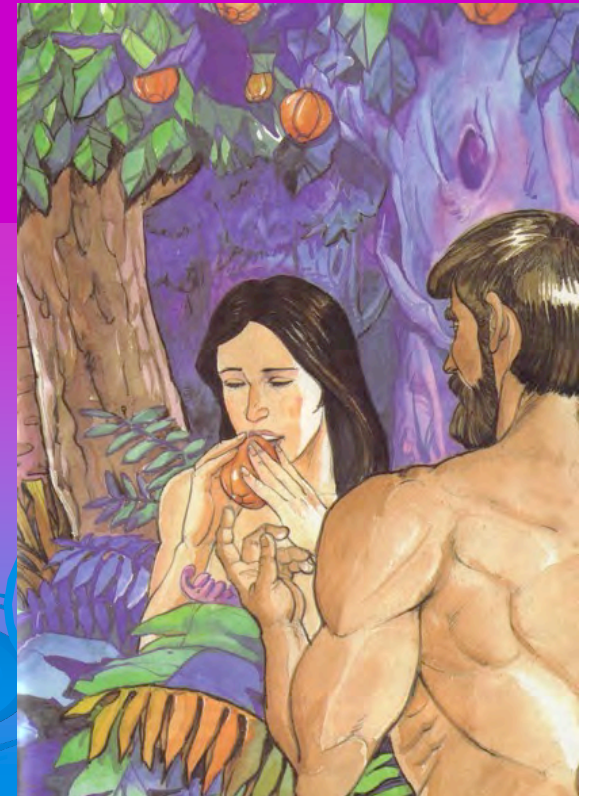


1 Timothy 2:11-15



¹¹A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.

¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. ¹⁵But women {Gr. she} will be saved {or restored} through childbearing--if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.





**Women should not take
the key leadership role in the church**

When man and woman sinned...

**God asked
the man first
(assuming man
as the leader)**

Genesis 3:9



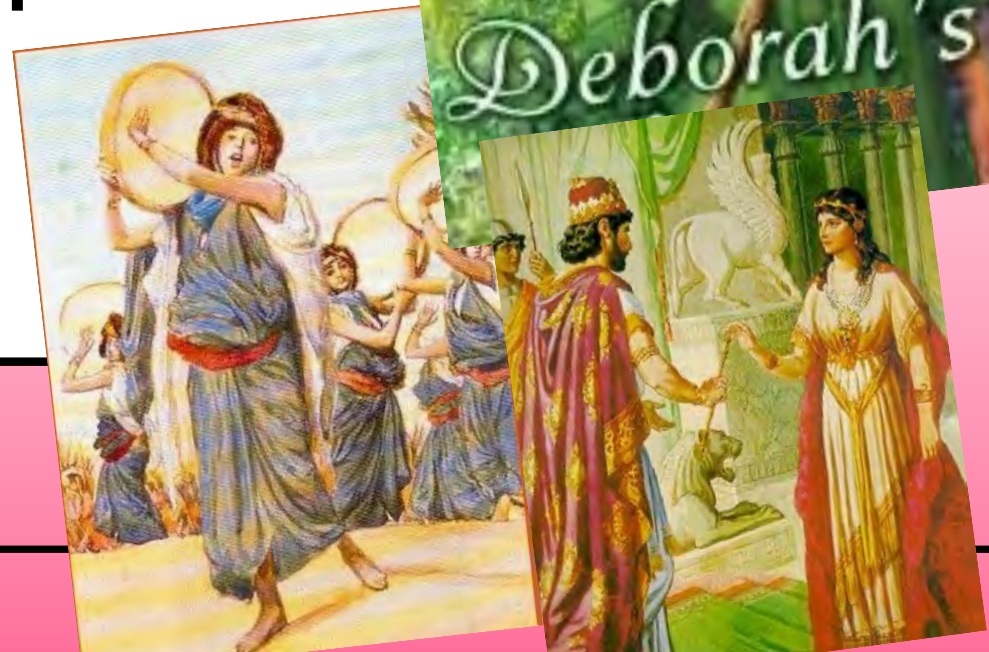
Basis



Women should not take the key leadership role in the church

In the Old Testament...

women took the main leadership role only for special cases.



Basis



Women should not take the key leadership role in the church

In the New Testament...

**Paul did not allow
women teachers in the
congregational worship or
women elders.**

1 Corinthians 14:34-35

1 Timothy 2:11-15–3:2



Basis



Women should not take the key leadership role in the church

Another reason might be...

Woman can also be enticers or enticed to evil, but men can be equally enticed.

**Isaiah 3:16
Acts 13:50**

Basis



Women should not take the key leadership role in the church

... in a marriage

**husband (man)
is the head
of the wife (woman).**

Ephesians 5:22-23



Basis

Paul's Teaching...

Men and women are equal but different-- so the church must maintain these sexual distinctions.

But why?

1 Corinthians 11



Why maintain distinctions?

**Resisting sex distinctions
shames our authorities.**



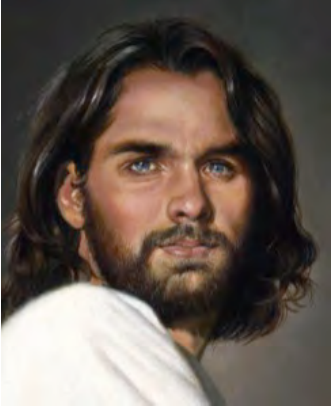
Why maintain distinctions?

Wrong use of a head covering at the church of Corinth shamed their authorities (1 Cor. 11:3-6).

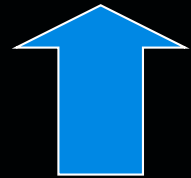




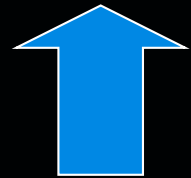
God



Christ



Husband



Wife

God's Authority Structure

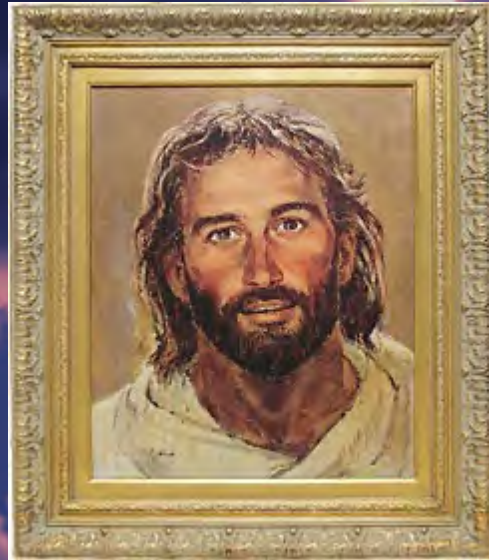
"The head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God"
(1 Cor. 11:3 NLT)

What does "head" mean?



What does "head" mean?

~~"source"?~~



"authority"?

But **no** Greek lexicons support the meaning of "source without authority" in the 2,336 occurrences of this word in all Greek literature! The consistent meaning is "authority over, ruler, leader."

1 Corinthians 11:5-6 NLT

"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. ⁶Yes, 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."









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**Women should not take
the key leadership role in the church**

**Based on the practice in
the Bible...**

**...women can support the
leadership more effectively...**

**...and this is more
accepted by the people**

Strengths



Women should not take the key leadership role in the church

It can have an imbalanced leadership



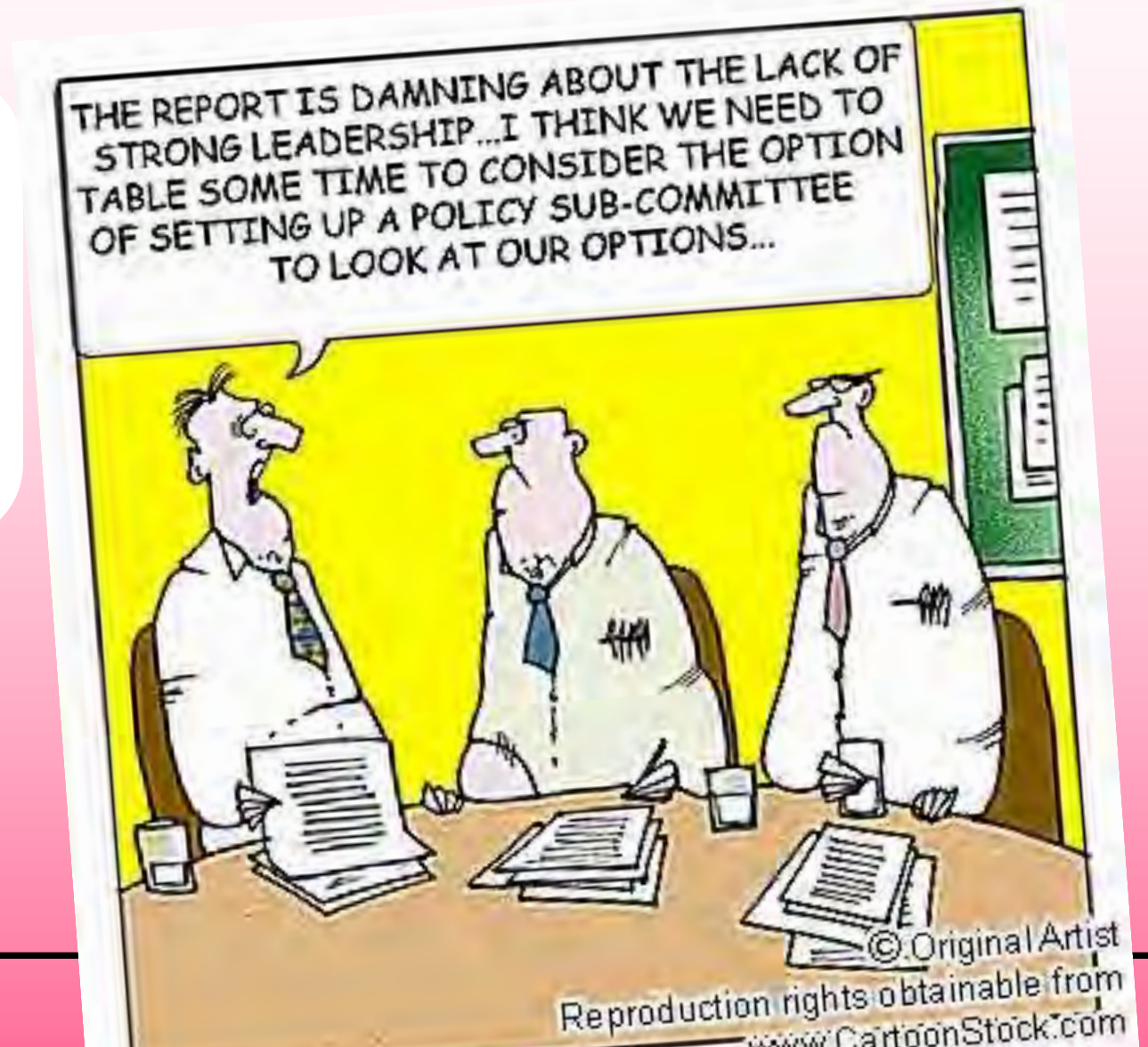
"If you appoint a woman apostle, you'll have a better balanced team and avoid a lot of future bitterness and discord..."

Weaknesses



Women should not take the key leadership role in the church

The church lacks capable male leaders



Weaknesses



**Women should not take
the key leadership role in the church**

**Women shall not take
initiative to be:**

pastor
(esp. senior pastor!)

preacher
elder



Implications



Women should not take the key leadership role in the church

For special cases:

women can take the key leadership role temporarily...

...while training capable male leaders



Implications



Women should not take the key leadership role in the church

"When there are simply no men to do the work... However, women must be cautioned against continuing in such work after there are trained men available for the job"

Charles Ryrie,
The Role of Women in the Church, 80



Implications



Women should not take the key leadership role in the church

In church, the main leadership roles are assigned to men.

Supportive roles are delegated to women.

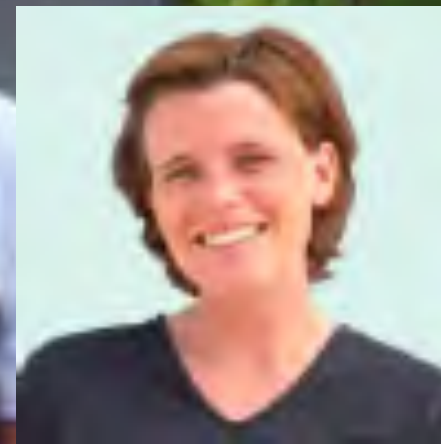


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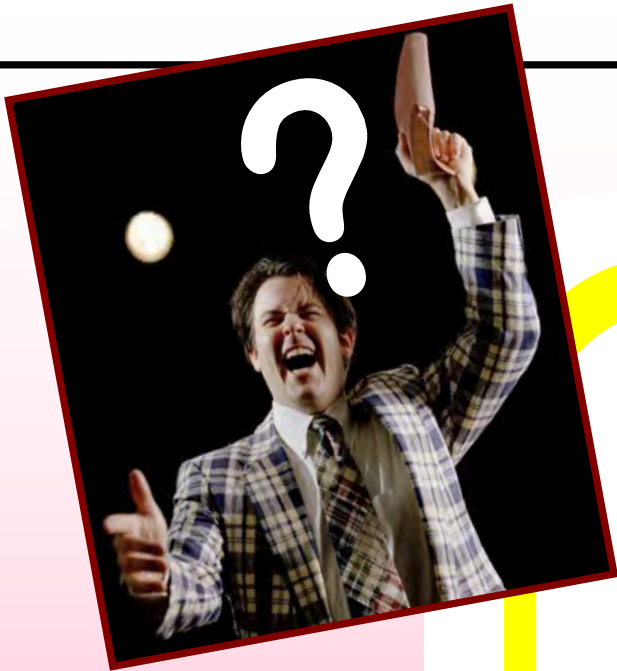


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**Leadership
in the
church ...**



**...is not to show
who has more
authority (men or
women)**



**Each of you should look not only to your own
interests, but also to the interests of others.**

Philippians 2:3

**...should not
destroy the
church unity**



**Make every effort to keep the unity of the
Spirit through the bond of peace
*Ephesians 4:3***

**...is not
necessary to
serve God**



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.

Colossians 3:23

What can women do in the church?

women's ministry
children's ministry
administration **youth ministry**
visitation **church bulletin** **choir**
music **cell-group** **mission-team**
counselling **prayer meeting**
preparing teaching materials

... a lot !!!



**This is what
women
should not do
... 😊**



**"But I suffer not a woman to
teach, nor to usurp authority over
the man, but to be in silence"**

1 Tim. 2:12 KJV 1769 ed.



**There is neither Jew nor Greek,
slave nor free, male nor female,
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

Galatians 3:28 NIV



**Whatever role you have in the church,
we are to serve the LORD !!!**



A woman with long, wavy, reddish-brown hair is seen from behind, wearing a black long-sleeved top. Her arms are raised high in the air, with her hands clenched into fists, in a gesture of praise or worship. The background is a vast, clear blue sky with wispy white clouds. A speech bubble is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image, containing the text "To GOD be the glory...".

**To GOD be
the glory...**



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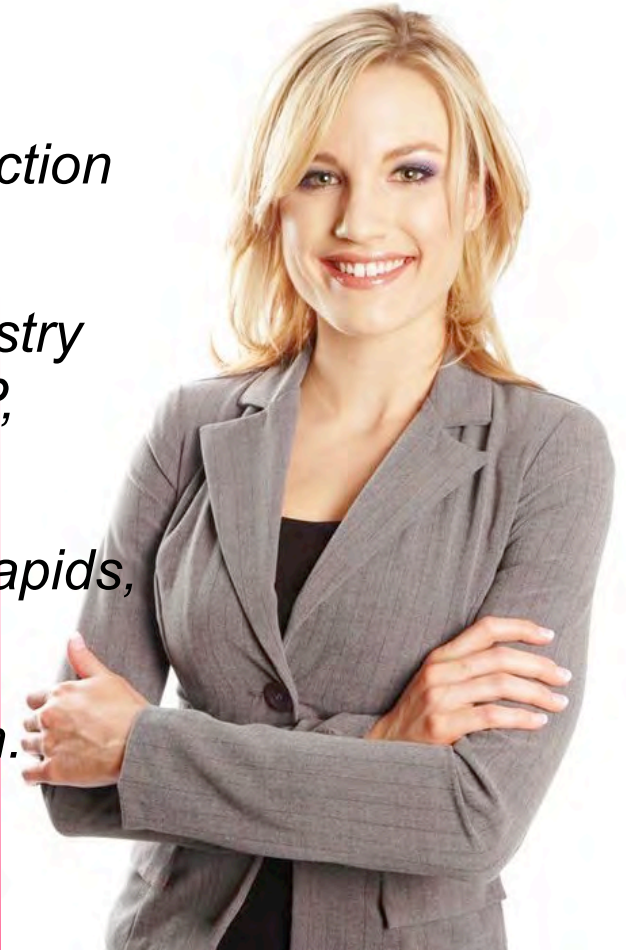
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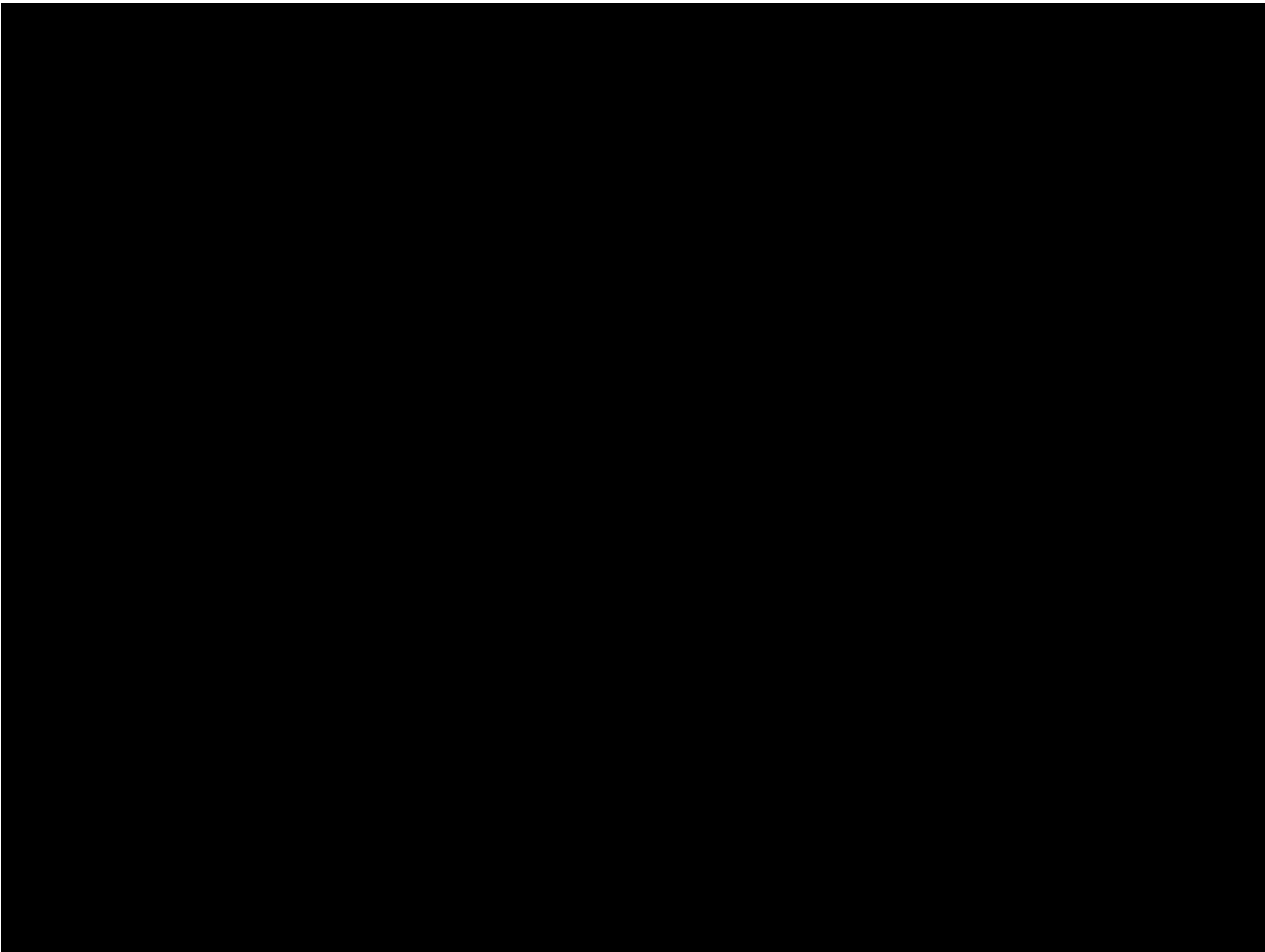
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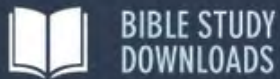
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