

# Role of Women in the Assembly

## Introduction

There are seven offices in the assembly namely - Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors (Elders), Teachers, Preachers and Deacons. Paul states emphatically that women are to keep silent in the assemblies, but does this prohibit women from having any roles in formal worship? There are no Apostles alive on the earth today but if there were they are required to be men. There were female prophetesses, Anna being a New Testament example, so a woman prophesying under the authority of the Ruach HaKodesh would be able to speak in the assembly. Women, Euodia and Syntyche, labored with Paul in the gospel. They were evangelists, but this is performed outside of the assembly. Paul forbade women to teach or have authority over a man, however they are allowed to teach younger women. Pastors are Elders and Elders must be married to one woman (and lesbianism is an abomination before YHWH). Women cannot be Preachers as they teach the word of God with authority. **Deacons are usually men but can be women.** Women can pray in public but must have their heads covered or have long hair.

## Women in the Kingdom

- v28 neither male or female - **Ga 3:26-29**
- v36 sons of God, like angels - **Lk 20:27-40**
- v7 marriage of the lamb, wife has made ready - **Rev 19:5-10**

## Women in the Assembly

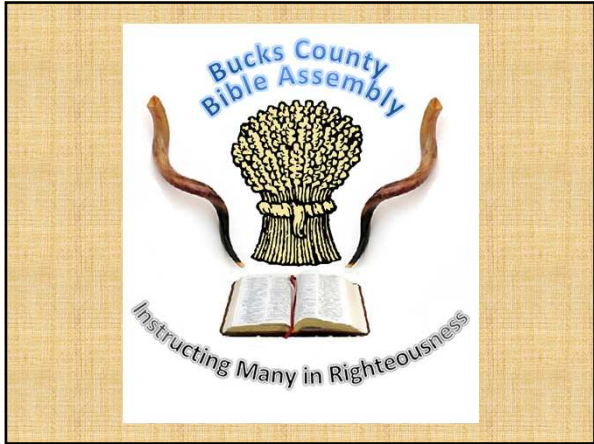
- v34 - let your women keep silent - **1 Cor 14:33-40**
- Ac 1:22-23 - must be a man - **Apostles**
- Lk 2:36 Anna, also Miriam, Hannah, Huldah  
Rev 2:20 Jezebel teach - **Prophets**
- Phil 4:1-7 v3 women laboured with me in the gospel - **Evangelists**
- Tit 2:1-5 v 4 Teach young women - **Teachers**
- v12 I do not permit a woman to teach or have authority over a man  
Preachers - No  
Pastors Elders - No - **1 Tim 2:8-15**
- v1 Phoebe our sister a servant  
G1249 Diakanos - **Ro 16:1-5**
- v5 prays or prophesies with head uncovered - **1 Cor 11:1-15**

## Women in Society

- Pr 31:10-31 - balance - labour, commerce, household and family
- Biblical role of women?**
  - Contrary to societal norms
  - Societal norms - Pro Divorce, drugs, homosexuality, euthanasia and abortion
  - Against - 10 Commandments, traditional marriage, personal responsibility

## Women in marriage

- Col 3:18-25** - v18 wives submit to your husbands
- 1 Pet 3:1-7** - v1 be submissive to your husbands
- Mt 19:1-12** - v6 What God has joined let no man separate
- 1 Cor 7:1-16** - v5 do not deprive one another
- Eph 5:22-33** - v24 church is subject to Messiah, wives subject to husbands




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**Sabbath Services  
15 February 2014**

**The role of  
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**Proverbs 31:10-31**


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### Proverbs 31:10-31

V10 – Who can find a **virtuous wife**? For her worth *is* far above rubies.  
 V11 - The heart of her **husband safely trusts her**;  
 V13 - She seeks wool and flax, And willingly **works with her hands**.  
 V15 - **Provides for her household**, And a portion for her maidservants.  
 V16 - considers a field and **buys it**; **From her profits** plants a vineyard.  
 V20 - She extends her hand to the poor, she **reaches out to the needy**.  
 V20 - Husband is known in the gates, When **he sits among the elders**  
 V26 - **Opens her mouth with wisdom** on her tongue the law of kindness.  
 V28 - Children rise up and call her **blessed**; **Her husband praises her**:

V30 - Charm *is* deceitful and beauty *is* passing,  
 But a woman **who fears YHWH**, she shall be praised.




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### Colossians 3:18-25




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### Colossians 3:18-25

V18-20: **Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands**, as it is fit in the Master. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Master.




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**1 Peter 3:1-7**


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**1 Peter 3:1-7**

V1 - Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;


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**Matthew 19:1-12**


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## Matthew 19:1-12

V6-8: Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. **What therefore the Mighty One hath joined together, let not man put asunder.** They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, **Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.**



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## 1 Corinthians 7:1-16



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## 1 Corinthians 7:1-16

V4-5: The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*. **Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer;** and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. (NKJV)



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**Ephesians 5:22-33**



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**Ephesians 5:22-33**

V22-25: Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Master. **For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Messiah is the head of the assembly:** and He is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the assembly is subject unto Messiah, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. **Husbands, love your wives, even as Messiah also loved the assembly, and gave Himself for it;**



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**1 Corinthians 14:33-40**



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## 1 Corinthians 14:33-40

V34-35 - **Let your women keep silence in the assemblies: for it is not permitted unto them to speak;** but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: **for it is a shame for women to speak in the assemblies.**



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## Apostles



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## Acts 1:21-23

V21-23 - **Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Master Y'HoShUA went in and out among us,** Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection. And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.



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**Prophets**


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**Prophets**

Lk 2:36 - And there was one **Anna, a prophetess**, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser:

**Ex 15:20** - And **Miriam the prophetess**, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand;

Jdg 4:4 - And **Deborah, a prophetess**, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

**Also – Huldah, Noadiah, Hannah**


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**False Prophets**

Rev 2:20 - Notwithstanding **I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.**


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**Evangelists**



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**Evangelists**

Phil 4:3 - And I urge you also, true companion, **help these women who labored with me in the gospel**, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, **whose names are in the Book of Life.**



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**Teachers**



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## Teachers

Titus 2:3-5 - The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, **teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,** To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of the Mighty One be not blasphemed.



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## 1 Timothy 2:8-15



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## 1 Timothy 2:8-15

V11-12 - Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. **But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man,** but to be in silence.

Preachers and Pastors – have authority  
Elders – defined as men

The Word of **YHWH** prohibits women from serving as Pastors, Elders or Preachers



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## Romans 16:1-5


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## Romans 16:1-5

V1 - I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the assembly which is at Cenchrea: That ye receive her in the Master, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.


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Lexicon :: Strong's G1249 - *diakonos* Αα



**διάκονος**

<b>Transliteration</b> diakonos	<b>Pronunciation</b> dē-ē'-kō-nos (k'noy)
<b>Part of Speech</b> masculine/feminine noun	<b>Root Word (Etymology)</b> Probably from an obsolete <i>diako</i> (to run on errands, of <i>διακου</i> (G1337)).

**Outline of Biblical Usage**

- I. one who executes the commands of another, esp. of a master, a servant, attendant, minister
- A. the servant of a king
- B. a deacon, one who, by virtue of the office assigned to him by the church, cares for the poor and has charge of and distributes the money collected for their use
- C. a waiter, one who serves food and drink

Click for Synonyms


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### A Common Logical Error

Ro 15:8 - Y'HoShua the Messia was a **minister** of the circumcision  
1 Cor 3:5 - Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but **ministers**  
1 Thes 3:2 - Timotheus, our brother, and **minister** of the Mighty One ...

#### From the General to the Particular –

Y'HoShUA is a minister; All ministers serve the assembly.  
Therefore, Y'HoShUA serves the assembly.

#### From the Particular to the General –

Y'HoShUA is a minister; Y'HoShUA dies for our sins.  
Therefore, all ministers died for our sins.



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## 1 Corinthians 11:1-15



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## 1 Corinthians 11:1-15

V4-5 - Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head. But **every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head**: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.



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**Galatians 3:26-29**





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**Galatians 3:26-29**

V28 - There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Messiah Y'HoShUA.


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**Luke 20:27-40**


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### Luke 20:27-40

V35-36 - But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, **neither marry, nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of the Mighty One, being the children of the resurrection.**



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### Revelation 19:5-10



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### Revelation 19:5-10

V7-8 - Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: **for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**



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**Offices in the Assembly**

**MALE & FEMALE**

**Prophets** – Reveal the word of **YHWH**  
**Evangelists** – Announce the Gospel  
**Deacons** – Minister to physical needs

**MALE Only**

**Pastors** – Oversee the assembly  
**Teachers (Preachers)** – Teach word of **YHWH**  
**Apostles** – Witness to the Resurrected Messiah  
**Elders (Bishops)** – Authority over the assembly


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**Next Week's Message**

**The Family**

**Services Start at 1:30 pm**





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