

WOMEN IN MINISTRY

It is easy to identify ways in which women have blessed our lives. The Bible has many examples of women who served as a . . . leader Deborah, teacher Priscilla, deacon Phoebe, MVP Proverbs 31 woman, and prophet Philips four daughters.

Luke 8:1-3

Luke's summary of Jesus' team is unique in that day. Three women are mentioned specifically from the broken life of Mary Magdalene, to the notoriety of JoAnn. Jesus affirmed the contribution and significance of women.

Difficult Passages . . .

- The Church in Corinth
 - ✓ Women praying and prophesying (1 Corinthians 11:5-6)
 - ✓ Women should remain silent (1 Corinthians 14:34-35)
- Disorder in the Church (14:33)
 - ✓ tongues (14:27-28) ✓ prophets (14:29-31) ✓ women (14:34-35)
- The Ministry of Timothy (1 Timothy 2:9-15)
 - ✓ There was a need for modesty & maturity.
 - ✓ Women should learn
 - ✓ At this time, I do not permit women . . .

Creational Pattern points to headship (Ephesians 5:23)

- ✓ The Early Church appointed overseers (men—1 Timothy 3:1-7)
- ✓ Deacons served as leaders (women & men—I Timothy 3:8-11)

The umbrella of authority in the church frees women and men to serve in the church consistent with their maturity, gifts, knowledge, experience and character.

Reflective Questions:

- 1) How has your life been blessed by women? Share an example.
- 2) What stands out to you from Jesus' example of affirming the ministry of women; as well as from this teaching on Women in Ministry?
- 3) What questions or thoughts does this stir up in you?

