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Subject: My thoughts for this section...

Posted by [william](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2006 01:42:31 GMT

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I hope this section will be used for the serious discussion of doctrine... we might not all agree but we all should be able to back up what we believe with the Bible!

Some suggested topics:

Deliverance

Divorce

Women in ministry

Application of Scripture to modern situations

moulder

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Subject: Re: My thoughts for this section...

Posted by [-Bill](#) on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 02:47:09 GMT

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moulder wrote on Tue, 31 January 2006 19:42 I hope

Women in ministry

I have found it interesting that when this subject comes up, I ask, 'how many of the Apostles were women?' And 'how many of the New Testament writers were women?' People get irate just asking these questions.

Bill

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Subject: Re: My thoughts for this section...

Posted by [william](#) on Sat, 16 Feb 2008 04:07:09 GMT

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Quote: I have found it interesting that when this subject comes up, I ask, 'how many of the Apostles were women?' And 'how many of the New Testament writers were women?' People get irate just asking these questions.

Don't worry about me getting irate, I won't, but I will ask what you think the answers to the questions prove?

Are you saying that women can't be blessed with the gifts of God or just that they can't have some of the gifts?

Let's see... 12 Apostles, er... make that 13 after dropping Judas and adding Paul, add in the other handful that seem to have that status conferred upon them and you've still got only a few. From those Apostles you've got Paul, Peter, James, John and Jude that had a hand in writing Scripture... add in Matthew, Mark and Luke... oh and let's not forget the writer of Hebrews (who some speculate may have been a woman, but I can't vouch for it). So how many is that?

I don't have time for a completely accurate count, but let's say 20 or so in the elite categories of Apostles and inspired writers. Next we need some estimate of just how many folk actually made up the early Church. Acts 2:41 and 4:4 account for eight thousand, so we know that there were at least eight thousand believers. Of course we will need to assume that Peter quit preaching those stirring messages and the others, those called Evangelists were only moderately successful at their tasks as workmen in the cause of evangelism. Why don't we settle on around ten thousand believers? Fair enough?

Okay, now let see... that would mean the elite group would be .2% of the total amount of believers a few days after Pentecost. Even if we stopped at that point and assume that the Church didn't grow exponentially in the following days (which we know it did) you find yourself drawing a conclusion based upon a sampling of .2% of the whole. Wow! I wonder if we could find out how many of those .2% had Roman noses and use that information for our next lecture on the rise and fall of the Roman Empire as it relates to Jewish assimilation?

As long as we are thinking deeply along these lines (concerning why women may not have been highlighted as Apostles and inspired writers of Scripture... you know the elite .2%) maybe we can also somehow explain why none of the inspired writers were slaves? For that matter, why didn't Jesus choose any slaves to be Apostles? Now that I think about it maybe we shouldn't be against slavery at all because none of the inspired writers condemned slavery!

Maybe we should throw out your two arguments against women in ministry, and I'll throw out my arguments about slavery, and we can start fresh with some different reasons God doesn't use women in ministry and why God doesn't use slaves in ministry?

Why can't God use the other half in the propagation of His Gospel? Only new reasons, please! (And no irate rants!)

Blessings,  
William

Subject: Re: My thoughts for this section...  
Posted by [DeWayne](#) on Mon, 25 Feb 2008 11:23:15 GMT  
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"Don't worry about me getting irate, I won't, but I will ask what you think the answers to the questions prove?"

I Tim. 2:12

12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

"Are you saying that women can't be blessed with the gifts of God or just that they can't have some of the gifts?"

Nope. I didn't mean to imply that. But my point has been shown true in that the simple questions strike a nerve. The feminist movement has great influence even over men's attitudes toward the Bible. To permit women to be in authority in the Church is a slap in God's face. A woman can participate in Church functions as long as they do not exercise authority over men, that certainly excludes women from any office in the Church.

"Why can't God use the other half in the propagation of His Gospel? Only new reasons, please! (And no irate rants!)"

God can. That's not the same as saying women cannot be in authority over men, either in Church or the home. The scriptures are clear that women cannot be in authority over men in a Biblical Church or home. But they certainly try, don't they? You could cause a riot in some 'Churches' by reading certain texts.

Eph. 5:22

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.