

Fifth, because **“Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression”** (1Timothy 2:14). Paul is not saying that Adam is less guilty, but what he is doing is emphasizing the fact that women, by their candid nature, are easier to deceive. No wonder the world vendors prefer to speak with “the lady of the house”, because they know they are more susceptible to fraud. So, it is for these reasons that the pastorate and the other ministries that exercise some authority over the church, God commissioned to men.

### God ministries entrusted to women

**1.- Being a suitable helper.** In Proverbs 31:10-31 we have the ideal example of what it means to be a suitable helper. And contrary to the lies of the feminist movement, being a housewife is a dignified, productive, blessed and virtuous task. In the ministry of Jesus and His apostles **“women were helping to support them out of their own means”** (Luke 8:1-3). Jesus and the twelve would preach from town to town and the women would serve them by preparing them food.

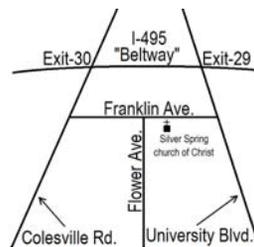
**2.- Sowing the Word of God to children.** After Paul told Timothy that Eve fell into transgression, he tells him: **“Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control”** (1Timothy 2:15). Some people misunderstand this verse thinking that only women who become mothers can be saved, so let us clarify the word “childbearing”. If it is written in the active form, it is the father sowing the seed; if it is written in the passive form, it is the mother conceiving the seed. The interesting thing is that in this verse it seems that the woman is not conceiving but sowing the seed. So, it might be that the seed that she is sowing is in fact the Word of God (Luke 8:11) in the children’s hearts. If this is the case, Timothy could have understood Paul

clearly, for Paul knew that Timothy’s grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice were the ones who sowed the Word of God in his heart since childhood (2Timothy 1:5 & 3:14-15). So, even though men can also teach children, we see that is a primary task of women. And no one can deny that women can educate children better than men.

**3.- Teach other women what God expects of them.** Titus 2:3-5 says: <sup>3</sup> Similarly, teach the older women to live in a way that honors God. They must not slander others or be heavy drinkers. Instead, they should teach others what is good. <sup>4</sup> These **older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children,** <sup>5</sup> to live wisely and be pure, to work in their homes, to do good, and to be **submissive to their husbands.** Then they will not bring shame on the word of God”. This ministry is so important that when neglected, the whole church suffers. A young woman with family issues will always pay more attention to the advice of another woman. That is why it is very important that women, who teach or advise other women, always do so according to the Word of God.

**4.- Evangelize.** Besides your female friends, you can evangelize your husband through your conduct (1Peter 3:1-2), or you can support your husband when he is witnessing to another man (Acts 18:26).

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# The suitable helper in the church

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The purpose of this tract is to discover the ministries that God entrusted the women of the church to do, through the study of Scripture.

### God’s purpose for women

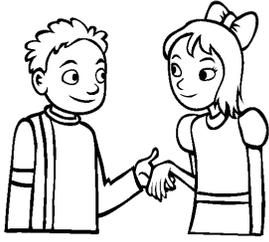
If you go to the book of Genesis and read carefully the days of creation, you can see how at the end of each day, says: **“And God saw that it was good”**. And the sixth day ends with the phrase: **“And God saw everything that He had made, and behold it was very good”** (Genesis 1:31). But in the analysis of the sixth day of creation, in chapter two, before He had finished creating everything, **“the LORD God said: It is not good that man should be alone, I will make a suitable helper for him”** (Genesis 2:18). All He had done until then was good, but He saw that one thing was not good, for man to be alone; and



it was then when God created the woman from Adam’s rib and brought her to him. For what purpose? = To be **“a suitable helper for him”**.

## Both have the same value

It is important that both men and women know that both genders have the same value before God. The woman is not better than the man nor is the man worth more than the woman. God values both equally because both are His offspring.



*1 Corinthians 11:11-12* says: **"In the Lord, however, woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman."** <sup>12</sup> For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. **But everything comes from God"**. But unfortunately in many countries, there is an existing "culture" in which men despise women as if they hadn't been born of one. In the church of Christ, that contempt should not exist. *Galatians 3:28* says: **"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus"**. All Christians are equal, regardless of their nationality, social status or gender. And once the church members recognize that they are one in Christ, both men and women learn that all ministries of the church are equally important. Men will not believe that their ministries are better and women will not believe that their ministries are worth less.

## Do not confuse your value to your role in church

It is very important as a woman, not to think that the charge men have in the church is more important than the task God entrusted you to do as a woman. Believe me, the men in the church need your help a lot; but not to take their place or responsibility God gave them. You know how "fresh" men can be when women take charge. They lie down on the couch, take off their shoes

and take a nap. This unfortunately happens in various congregations: A lot of men are very comfortable sitting in the pews, while the women lead and preach and do everything.

But, we cannot deny that there are also women who like to be up front and be the boss. Those women have to be taught what Paul says in *1 Timothy 2:11-12* **"A woman should learn in quietness and full submission."** <sup>12</sup> **I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent"**. But mouthy women never fail to say: "Is just that Paul was sexist". To those women who say that, I would caution to be very careful not to say that, for if you call him sexist because of that rule, you are actually calling Jesus a sexist. To confirm that, let's read *1 Corinthians 14:34-37* <sup>34</sup> **Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says."** <sup>35</sup> **And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church."** <sup>36</sup> **Or did the word of God come originally from you? Or was it you only that it reached?"** <sup>37</sup> **If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord"**. Something that I want to clarify to the unmarried and widows, is that in the case of those who have no husband, they can clarify their doubts with someone else, because Paul's point is: Not to do it during the service.



It can be done before or after, but to do it during the service it is shameful to our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Why women can not teach or exercise authority over a man?

First, because it would change the order that God has established in His Word. *1 Corinthians 11:3* says: **"Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God"**. Unfortunately there are men who misrepresent the duty of the head, as a mere privilege to command, punish and do whatever they want with women; but that mentality is totally contrary to the teaching and example that Christ gives to the man in *Ephesians 5:23-29*. According to this passage, Christ as head of the church, he saves her, loves her, gives himself up for her, sanctifies her, purifies her, washes her, nourishes her and cares for her. And this is the model by which the man must be guided as head of the woman.



Second, because **"Adam was formed first, then Eve"** (*1 Timothy 2:13*). If Eve had been formed first, then it would have been unfair for Adam to be the head; but he was indeed formed ahead of her.

Third, because **"man did not come from woman, but woman from man"** (*1 Corinthians 11:8*). From where did Eve come? = From **"the rib which the LORD God had taken from man"** (*Genesis 2:22*). That is, if God had not created Adam, Eve would had not existed; so it is fair for him to be the head.

Fourth, because **"neither was man created for woman, but woman for man"** (*1 Corinthians 11:9*). For what reason was she created? = To be **"a suitable helper for him"** (*Genesis 2:18*). Women were not created to compete against men nor to usurp their place, but to be suitable helpers.