



## BIBLE TALK

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Question: Does God approve of women preachers?

Answer: We must appeal, as always, to the scriptures to see what God's desire is on this matter. *"Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak"* (1 Cor. 14:34). Churches with women preachers cannot be the Lord's true church! He says, *"And I do not permit a woman to teach or have authority over a man"* (1 Tim. 2:12).

In order for a woman to preach, she must be presumptuous. Presumption is to "go beyond what is right or proper . . . to take unto liberties." *"The person who does anything presumptuously . . . brings reproach upon the Lord and . . . he shall be cut off . . ."* (Num. 15:30).

When one rejects the word of God, he rejects Him. It is rebellion for women to preach and *"Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft"* (1 Sam. 15:23). We do have cases where women taught and were not condemned because it was not publicly or before men. Lois and Eunice taught their children (2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15). Priscilla helped her husband teach a man the Lord's way (Acts 18:26). Older women are to teach younger women (Titus 2:3-4). A woman who loves God will fill her role as a teacher in non-public ways.

Jesus founded the only true church. He placed leadership and public preaching in the hands of men. Bishops must be the husband of one wife (1 Tim. 3:2). Faithful men are to preach (2 Tim. 2:2). God made women subject to the men in the church (1 Cor. 14:34). He forbids women to preach. This has nothing to do with male chauvinism or gender bias, but God's will. Someone has said that, "A godly woman would not want to preach due to scriptural forbiddance and an ungodly woman should not be allowed, so there is no place for women preachers." Godly women have a place in the cause of Christ, but they should refrain and refuse public leadership roles.

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