

# Women's Roles & Authority

## in the Bible:

Prophetesses, Apostles, Deacons, Evangelists & more.



God has always raised up women as prophets, leaders, and pioneers in His Kingdom. Below you'll find Women Leaders in the Bible, organized by their Role & Authority. This chart highlights the women God called and empowered in Scripture, reminding us that His Kingdom advances through both sons and daughters.

PROPHETESSES	JUDGES & LEADERS	APOSTLES & EVANGELISTS	TEACHERS & DISCIPLE-MAKERS	DEACONS, PATRONS, CHURCH LEADERS
<b>Miriam</b> (Exodus 15:20; Micah 6:4)	<b>Deborah</b> (Judges 4-5)	<b>Junia</b> (Romans 16:7)	<b>Priscilla</b> (Acts 18:26; Romans 16:3-5)	<b>Phoebe</b> (Romans 16:1-2)
<b>Deborah</b> (Judges 4-5)	<b>Wise Woman of Abel Beth-Maacah</b> (2 Samuel 20:16-22)	<b>Mary Magdalene</b> (John 20:11-18; Luke 24:10)	<b>Lois &amp; Eunice</b> (2 Timothy 1:5)	<b>Chloe</b> (1 Corinthians 1:11)
<b>Huldah</b> (2 Kings 22:14-20; 2 Chron 34:22-28)	<b>Wise Woman of Tekoa</b> (2 Samuel 14:1-24)	<b>Joanna, Susanna, and others</b> (Luke 8:1-3)	<b>Mary, Mother of Jesus</b> (Luke 1:46-55)	<b>Nympha</b> (Colossians 4:15)
<b>Isaiah's Wife</b> (Isaiah 8:3)	<b>Esther</b> (Book of Esther)	<b>Lydia</b> (Acts 16:13-15, 40)		<b>Tryphena, Tryphosa, and Persis</b> (Romans 16:12)
<b>Anna</b> (Luke 2:36-38)		<b>Samaritan Woman at the Well</b> (John 4:1-42)		<b>Euodia &amp; Syntyche</b> (Philippians 4:2-3)
<b>Philip's 4 Daughters</b> (Acts 21:9)				

For further study: See passages such as Acts 2:17, Galatians 3:28, and Romans 16 for God's affirmation of women in ministry.

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# Paul's Words on Women in Ministry: Misused and Affirmed Scriptures

Some of Paul's writings have been misunderstood and misused to silence women in ministry. When read in context, Scripture shows that Paul consistently affirmed women called by God. Below are the commonly misused verses, followed by the many Scriptures where Paul clearly honors women in ministry.

## Commonly Misused Verses (Context Matters)

**1 Corinthians 14:34–35** “Women should be silent in the churches...” (Addressing disorder and interruptions, not banning Spirit-filled women from speaking.)

**1 Timothy 2:11–12** “I do not permit a woman to teach...” (Written to correct false teaching in Ephesus, not a universal ban.)

**Ephesians 5:22** “Wives, submit to your husbands...” (Part of mutual submission in Christ, not spiritual silencing.)

## Scriptures Where Paul and the Early Church Affirm Women

**Galatians 3:28** “There is no longer male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

**Acts 2:17–18** “Your sons and daughters will prophesy... I will pour out My Spirit on all people.”

**Romans 16:1–2 — Phoebe** “Phoebe, a deacon... She has been helpful to many, including me.”

**Romans 16:3–5 — Priscilla** “Priscilla and Aquila... risked their lives for me... They lead a church.”

**Romans 16:7 — Junia** “Outstanding among the apostles.”

**1 Corinthians 11:5** “A woman who prays or prophesies...” (Affirms public ministry.)

**Philippians 4:2–3** “They have worked hard with me in telling others the Good News.”

**Colossians 4:15 — Nympha** “The church that meets in her house.”

**2 Timothy 1:5 — Lois & Eunice** “Your genuine faith... first in your grandmother and mother.”

**Acts 18:26 — Priscilla** “Explained the way of God more accurately.”

Anchor Truth: Scripture shows that Paul honored, partnered with, and empowered women called by God. Context reveals that no passage cancels God's inclusive outpouring of His Spirit.

Biblical leadership is based on calling, character, and fruit—not gender. God equips all who surrender to Him for His purposes.