

*Do women who are pastoring a church have the Holy Spirit? If they do, why doesn't the Holy Spirit tell them that what they are doing having authority over men in the church is wrong?*

The apostle Paul said, "I suffer not that woman to teach [trying to bring in the doctrine of Diana] (1 Ti 2:12)." Diana (also known as Artemis) was a pagan fertility goddess worshiped in ancient Ephesus. Diana's worship was widespread at the time.

Women have taught and interpreted scripture. In the early church, Paula, a wealthy convert, worked alongside Jerome in translating the Latin Vulgate Bible [1][2]. In fourth-century Rome, Marcella was known for her scriptural interpretation, with Jerome referring people to her for correct understanding of biblical texts[1]. During the 18th century, Susanna Wesley, mother of John and Charles Wesley, delivered sermons to parishioners [1]. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, Bible institutes promoted women in the ministry [1]. The New Testament itself provides examples of women teaching scripture, such as Mary's hymn (the Magnificat) in Luke 1:46-55 [3]. Timothy's mother Eunice and grandmother Lois taught him the scriptures [3].

Some debate women's roles in teaching men; but, there are efforts to train women to teach effectively in scriptural matters[4].

[1] Zehr, P. M. (2010). 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus (p. 369). Herald Press.

[2] Haddad, M. (2006). Egalitarian Pioneers: Betty Friedan or Catherine Booth? Priscilla Papers Volume 20, 20(4), 54.

[3] Higgins, J. B. (2022). Empowered & Equipped: Bible Exposition for Women Who Teach the Scriptures (p. 8). B&H Academic.

[4] Glahn, S. (2014). Review of She Can Teach: Empowering Women to Teach the Scriptures Effectively by Jackie Roese. Bibliotheca Sacra, 171(681–684), 383.

One should pray submitting to God's will, as Jesus did (Lk 22:42). Instead of praying for someone else's death, it is better to pray for God's strength to endure, trusting his timing (Is 40:31). Jonah learned that God prefers to save sinners rather than destroy them (Jon 4:4–11). Michael, the archangel, did not bring an abusive condemnation against the Devil; rather, he left the matter to God (Jud 1:9b).