

**Know and Do—Going Deeper, week 13: “Biblical Women’s Ministry”** (know portion)

**I. Biblical women’s ministry must be. . .**

1. \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_, **to the church**
  - “I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae”—**Romans 16:1 (see vv. 2, 6, 12)**
  
2. **In submission to the** \_\_\_\_\_
  - “Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.”—**Hebrews 13:17**
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_-centered
  - “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,<sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”— **2 Timothy 3:16–17**

**II. Biblical women’s ministry must do. . .**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **discipleship**
  - “Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good,<sup>4</sup> and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,<sup>5</sup> to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.”—**Titus 2:3–5**
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_ **fellowship**
  - “All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers”—**Acts 1:14**
  
3. **Equip women in** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_
  - “She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.” —**Proverbs 31:26**

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1. Why do you think women’s ministry sometimes gets a bad rap?
  
2. What are some ways you have seen women’s ministry complement the overall work of the church?
  - a. What are some ways you’ve seen it run parallel to the work of the church (doing its own thing without consideration for the rest of the church)?
  
  - b. How might women’s ministry run contrary to the work of the church?
  
3. Why is it so important that the women’s ministry sees itself as operating under the authority of the elders?
  
4. It should go without saying that a Bible-believing church would have a women’s ministry that is centered around God’s word. What temptations might make a women’s ministry lose focus in that area?
  
5. How has an older, more mature member of the church helped you grow in your faith? Name ways to encourage these kinds of relationships in a women’s ministry.
  
6. What are the benefits of women praying together?
  
7. What happens if women don’t encourage one another to grow in their knowledge of God’s word and in their service to their families and to the church?
  
8. Whether you are a man or a woman, what can you do to encourage healthy women’s ministry at your church?