

YAIY Quick Study Sheet

Women's Biblical Status

The Good

Exod. 15:20; 2 Kings 22:15 Women prophesied.
Judges 4:4-5 Deborah was a capable judge.
1 Sam. 25:3; 2 Sam. 14:2; Judges 13:23
Intelligent women.
Prov. 31:10-31 An ideal wife is described.
Matt. 22:30 In heaven no women or men marry.
2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15 Grandmother and mother taught Timothy when he was a child.
Titus 2:4 Women to teach the younger women.
Rom. 16:1-15 Paul compliments many sisters.
Acts 18:25-26 Husband and wife taught together.
Luke 2:36-38 Anna taught in the temple area.

The Seemingly Bad

Gen. 3:16 Man will rule women (man's tendency?).
Deut. 5:21 Shall not covet a man's wife (property or just a wrong attitude towards what doesn't belong to one?).
1 Tim. 2:9-15 Women are not to lead or teach (as men do, 1 Tim. 3:1) in the assembly services, but can participate in Bible studies.
1 Cor. 11:3 Order of headship.
1 Cor. 14:34-35 "keep silent in the assemblies."

The Somewhat Neutral

Col. 3:18-19 Wives subject (supportive) to husbands.
Eph. 5:22-33 Instructions for couples in the faith.

Greek Teachers of Influence in Society, Against Equality

Socrates (470-399 B.C.) "The weaker sex."

Aristotle (384-322 B.C.) "...equality of the two or rule of the inferior is always hurtful."

Hebrew Teachers Against Equality

Rabbis who interpreted Deuteronomy 5:21 to mean women are possessions.

Hebrew Teachers For Equality

John 4:9, 27 Yahshua, Himself, did not discriminate.

Matt. 19:7-8 Yahshua clarifies the law in divorcing a woman (Deut. 24:1) for any old reason.

Gal. 3:28 Paul clarifies a standard of acceptance in the body of Messiah for women and others.

Women Presidents (year 2016)

Argentina
Philippines
India
Myanmar

New Testament Examples

Luke 6:13 The disciples chosen were men.

Acts 6:3 Men were/are chosen to be deacons (i.e., taking care of physical needs within the assembly).

1 Tim. 3: 1-13; Titus 1:6-9 Men were/are chosen to be elders (i.e., spiritual leaders).

In Conclusion

Based upon the Word of Yahweh, woman are very capable, but should not be in a leadership or worship role of teaching the congregation. Neither should they give opening or closing prayers. However, there are sometimes special song offerings from women, who either will play the piano, guitar, in addition to singing.

We believe lectures during appointed times, such as Feast of Tabernacles, would be appropriate on non-Sabbath days. Workshops or other special presentations by women on topics geared toward other women and/or children (which some men can also gain understanding of a women's perspective) can be given. Again, it would be specifically on a non-worship day.

Finally, testimonials by both men and women are acceptable on Sabbaths. Yahweh works with all of us, but still expects everything to be done in a proper and orderly manner according to the headship he has ordained.