

“The fact that I am a woman does not make me a different kind of Christian. But the fact that I am a Christian does make me a different kind of woman.”

Elizabeth Elliott

Why Women’s ministry?

- **God has made man and woman different. They communicate differently and relate differently. The Bible speaks clearly about this. We need to affirm biblical manhood and womanhood.**
- **God’s Word instructs us to minister woman to woman (in passages like Titus 2)**
- **Women have different issues to be addressed and it is helpful for them to have a safe environment to work through them.**

Women’s Ministry- Paper 1

The ministry papers

Read Titus 1: 15- 2: 8

Investigate

1/ What is Paul charging Titus to do? (2:1)

2/ What is this sound doctrine that Titus is to teach? (3: 3-7)

3/ We are also instructed here to teach sound doctrine.

Why is it crucial that our actions match our teaching?

4/What should a healthy Godly relationship

between older and younger women look like? *

5/ As we teach sound doctrine and model good

works how will non-believers respond? (2: 7-8)

Think and Apply

How are you continuing to grow in God’s Word?

In what relationships are you passing that on?

How do single women fit in? Is it only wives & mothers that who can be trained in sound doctrine & for godliness? In Titus, Paul is writing to address some particular issues that married women were facing. This doesn’t negate the need that this is for all women, married or single to be taught sound doctrine and to live that doctrine out faithfully & obediently in their lives.

*‘older’ is a subjective term that does not mean old. All women are in both the older and younger categories relative to the different women around them.



In your Church context what are some practical ministries you can implement to develop this Woman to Woman relationship?

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One to One Women's Ministry

What is 1 to 1? 1 Timothy 4: 6 says "If you point these things¹ out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed."

Why invest the time?

Because God is a relational God! He created us to be in relationship with Him & with each other. As we develop a deeper relationship with a specific sister we strive to encourage one another to persevere in faith, love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:23-24).

We know the Word of God is living and active, a gift from God given to teach, rebuke, correct and train in righteousness so we can be more like Jesus (2 Timothy 3:16).

Paul charges the Corinthian Church to imitate him just as he imitates Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1). So we also should set an example of godliness to those we mentor. Remember as a Titus 2 woman the older is to model godly living to the younger.

We are instructed to keep passing on the Word of Truth (the gospel). There is a beautiful example of godly women instructing the next generation in 2 Timothy 1:5 with Timothy's grandmother Lois first receiving the faith and passing it onto the next generation in her daughter Eunice and then onto Timothy. We too should intentional in passing on the truth of the gospel and setting an example of godly living to the next generation.

¹ The Truths of the gospel

What happens in a one to one meeting?

Every one to one relationship will look different. But there are some really important elements that are essential when meeting one to one.

- 1) Praying together. It is a great privilege to talk to God together. Before & after you spend time together. Pray no matter where you meet up, Pray regularly for your mentoree & God working through His word in their lives.
- 2) Read God's Word. As we've said previously reading God's word is central & essential in a one to one relationship. It's God's word that does the shaping & training. Choosing what to read in the Bible is up to you. You can do a topical study or use pre-prepared material. Over the years we've found keeping it simple & reading through a book of the Bible , asking a few relevant questions like: What is the practical application of this passage to your life? And What is the Big idea of this passage? How does this challenge or change me?
This allows God's word to set the agenda rather than our problems or feelings.
- 3) Relational time. Knowing and understanding where your mentoree is in their walk with Jesus & in their life generally will make it easier in helping them do business with God. The trick is not to spend all your time doing this

Mass crusades in which I believe and to which I have committed my life, will never finish the Great Commission; but a one-by-one ministry will.
-Billy Graham

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light
of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides
with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.
Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and
obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the
skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a
tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

Refrain
Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we
share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a
cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

Refrain

But we never can prove the delights of
His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, for the joy He
bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

*The words to this Hymn are a great
encouragement to help us stay focussed
in our one to one ministry*
Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at
His feet.

Things to look out for meeting one to one as women.....

- Women are created by God to be very relational creatures. This means being prepared that meeting one to one with woman takes time. The amount of time to develop a deeper one to one relationship will differ with each woman and this may mean setting aside anywhere from 1 to 3 hours.

- This ministry can be exhausting in a way that no other ministry is. We need to understand ourselves and how we minister. For extroverts; we will enjoy this ministry and attempt to fill every spare space in our ministry calendar and quickly feel overwhelmed. For introverts we may need to meet with less people and monitor how these meetings are going.

- Make sure you always keep the reading of the Word and prayer as central to your meeting. As women we can be easily distracted.

- Make an allowance for emotional responses to occur when meeting one to one. Women by their very nature are more open to respond to doing business with God through displaying their emotions. (always have a box of tissues on hand)

- Always select a timeframe to meet together in. Clearly stick to this timeframe and review regularly the need to meet one to one

- A potential struggle to look out for is dependence. Some people might become dependent on your time and approval. While you, yourself might become dependent on their respect and admiration of you. Always remember you are meeting together to become better followers of Jesus, not of you.

Good Resources

Women's ministry in the Local Church by J.Ligon Duncan & Susan Hunt

Women @ Work- setting up a Women's ministry at your Church by Lesley Ramsay (no longer in print: Contact Evangelism ministries)

One to One Discipleship by Christine Dillon

One to One by Sophie DeWitt

Briefing Article: Woman to woman: Answering the call to Titus 2

(Matthias Media)

<http://www.matthiasmedia.com.au/briefing/library/5828>