

My husband stated I cannot win souls of lost men (unsaved) only women and children who are lost. I know the scripture about men having authority over a women; however, my husband is stating this this applies to lost men, as well. Can you please explain?

The apostle Paul said, “I suffer not *that* woman to teach¹ or to usurp authority over a man (1 Ti 2:12).² A woman should teach if that is her calling in the Lord (Eph 4:11). More souls certainly would be saved if all members of the body of Christ were doing their part for the kingdom of God (Ac 20:20).

Both men and women were created with intelligence (Gen. 2:19, 20; Col. 3:10)—both Adam and Eve (אָדָם [humankind or Anthropos]) named the animals.³

Men and women can plant the seeds of scripture; but, it is the Holy Spirit who justifies an individual (Jn 3:3, 5). Paul said, I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase (1 Co 3:5–6).”

Churches have separate male and female bible study because often a man will only tell another man about spiritual matters with which he may struggle; and, a woman often will only tell another woman about spiritual matters with which she may struggle. In this way, groups are better able to communicate and hold one another accountable (Ezek. 18:1–32, Rom. 2:1–12).

It is unwise for men and women to meet alone when they are not married to each another (Pr 6:27, Heb 13:4).

Individuals are accountable before God at the heart level.

Jesus said:

Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell (Mt 5:28–29).

Evangelist Billy Graham had a rule for himself; which was to never be alone with a woman who was not his wife. It served him well, as he remained faithful to her (Gen. 2:18–24) for life (Matt. 19:6, Rom. 7:2, 3) as commanded by God.⁴

It would be loving in kind for a wife to respond sensitively to the concerns of her husband should she teach (Tt 2:4) so that she is seen as trustworthy in her marriage (Prov. 31:11, 12).

Women can be influential. Paul, for example, praised the women in Timothy’s family as they helped to raise him rightly in the faith (2 Tim. 1:5; 2 Tim. 3:15).

¹ Trying to bring in the doctrine of Diana.

² DeNoon, Steven and Jana. Israeli News Live. Freeing Women from the Bondage of False Doctrines. 19 Aug 2014: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhxiYibwbhI>

³ Ibid. Examining the Creation of Adam with Author Edith Neumaier. 27 Apr 2015: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-UozsLt-0k>

⁴ Graham’s spouse, Ruth Graham died in 2007.

