

CHAPTER 1

Does God Call Women to Pastor?

Does God Call Women to Pastor? The answer to this question is “No.” God does NOT call women to serve as pastors. Some churches call women to try to fill the office of pastor; however, God does not. I know that seems like a bold statement to many people. Some would even call it narrow minded. Many would call such a statement arrogant.

Absolute truth has a way of raising the temperature of people who would rather color the world gray. Many would call these statements “narrow” or “arrogant.”

Only saved people go to heaven.

Hell will be a reality for those who do not know Christ as Savior.

Salvation is only through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

Salvation from Hell is by grace through faith, plus nothing.

The Bible is completely trustworthy.

Wives are to live in submission to their husbands, unless the husband demands the wife violate the clear, written Word of God.

Whether a person calls these statements “narrow” or “arrogant” generally depends on whether that person agrees with the statements or not.

In this chapter we will examine the only two passages in the New Testament that deal with the gender of a pastor, and from these passages we will discover that God does NOT call women to fill the office of pastor, even though some churches might. However, before we do that let me ask you this question: Is Jesus male or female?

The answer to that question is found in scripture. Jesus is called, "Son of God," son of man," and the pronoun used for Jesus is always "he." The biblical evidence that Jesus is male is overwhelming. If someone is going to assert that Jesus is female, their support must come from outside of scripture, or an attempt to skew scripture in such a way as to override the clear biblical teaching that Jesus is male.

Now, let's look at the two passages that deal with the gender of a pastor.

1 Timothy 3:1-7

[1] This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. [2] A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; [3] Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; [4] One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; [5] (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) [6] Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. [7] Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Titus 1:5-9

[5] For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: [6] If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. [7] For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; [8] But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; [9] Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Is a pastor to be a male or female?

The answer to that question is found in scripture. A pastor is called “husband,” “man,” the children of a pastor are called “his,” and the pronoun “he” is employed when talking about one who has been called of God to serve and led as a Pastor. The scriptural internal evidence that a pastor is male is overwhelming. If someone is going to assert that a pastor is female, their support must come from outside of scripture, or an attempt to skew scripture in such a way as to override the clear biblical teaching that pastors are to be men.

This book will cover these verses in more detail; however, from a reading of the few verses in the New Testament regarding the gender of a pastor, it is absolutely clear that the pastors are to be men. To conclude otherwise one must alter or add to the scripture.

Because God does not call a woman to fill the office of pastor, then those who feel “blessed” to have a woman

pastor need to check the spirit. 1 John 4:1. God does not
bless disobedience. Satan does.