

# WOMEN PASTORS

## Complete Theological Discourse regarding Women Pastors

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### PREFACE

**Matthew 23:11** “The **greatest** among you will be your **servant**.”

**Matthew 23:12** “For whoever **exalts himself** will be **humbled**, and whoever **humbles himself** will be **exalted**.”

### PROLOGUE

**Progressive Christianity** is a “post-liberal movement” within Christianity that seeks to reform the faith with **liberation theology** by embedding cultural grammar and agreements that entails its forms of truth, subjectivity, social justice, culture change, and power.



## **INTRODUCTION**

This essay will investigate “ALL” reasoning and arguments versed by progressive “individuals” and “denominations” that support a decision to certify women as pastors. The essay includes biblical analysis and systemic theology to clear any ambiguities that clouded this subject. Because of human rationalities, we must remove all perceived notions and allow revelations of biblical truths to guide us. Let us first pray to be one with Christ Jesus, then look into the scriptures for direction based on His wisdom and Knowledge.

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## 1. Creation of Man and Women

**Progressives** list two (2) scriptures in Genesis regarding the creation of males and females equally created and conclude from these two scriptures that men and women share the same equality and opportunity.

**Genesis 1:27** “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

**Genesis 5:2** “male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.”

**Servant of Christ’s** creation narrative agrees with the equality of Male and females as both created in the image of God. However, the Servant of Christ description includes the **complete creation account**, which adheres to God’s perfect plan for humanity and the difference and purpose of men and women to fulfill God’s sovereign purpose.

**Genesis 2:7** “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.”

**Genesis 2:18** “And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; **I will make him a help meet, “helper suitable”** for him.”

**Genesis 2:21** “And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;”

**Genesis 2:22** “And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.”

**Genesis 2:23** “And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: **she shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man.**”

**Genesis 3:16** “Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow, thou shalt bring forth children; and **thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.**”

### **Summing Up;**

**Half-truths**, by definition, are usually **deceptive statements** that include some element of truth. **Half-truths** may purposely **distort** or **alter** the indisputable fact or possibly lead to a false conclusion.

**The complete biblical account** of creation indicates that men and women are equally created in the image of God but created differently to complete God’s sovereign will and purpose for His glory. **The creation biblical narrative** indicates that God endowed a leadership role for men and companionship, support and birth for women. **God’s sovereign will and purpose do not mean a different value for women “but” other designations for family and the body of Christ.**



## **2. Prophetesses of the Old Testament**

**Progressives** list three prophetess in the Old Testament, Miriam, Deborah, and Huldah, chosen to serve God. They imply that this service indicates a pattern of God using women in ministry and leadership positions, supporting a divine design for women to become congregational pastors.

## **MIRIAM**

Exodus 15:20 “And **Miriam the prophetess**, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and **all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.**”

## **Deborah**

Judges 4:4-5 “And **Deborah, a prophetess**, the wife of Lapidoth, she **judged Israel at that time.**” And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and **the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.**”

## **Huldah**

2Kings 22:14-16 “So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto **Huldah the prophetess**, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her. And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read:”

**A. God’s calling** to become a prophet.

**Joel 2:28-29** “Afterward I will pour out my Spirit on **everyone**: your **sons** and **daughters** will proclaim my message; your old people will have dreams, and your young people will see visions. At that time, I will pour out my Spirit even on servants, both **men**, and **women**.

Servants of Christ reiterate the Genesis account that women are created equally in the image of God and have equal spirituality. **Joel 2:28-29** indicates a “**universal**” call of prophecy that supports the complete creation narrative.

**B. Definitions** are important.

1Samuel 9:9 “A good idea! Let’s go.” So they went to the town where the holy man lived. As they were going up the hill to the town, they met some young women who were coming out to draw water. They asked these women, “Is the **seer** in town?” (**At that time, a prophet was called a seer, and so whenever someone wanted to ask God a question, he would say, “Let’s go to the seer.”**)

## **Summary:**

God calls both Men and women to become prophets. The Old Testament lists hundreds of prophets, approximately seven (**7**) prophetesses. Therefore, for progressives to indicate that Miriam, Deborah, and Huldah denotes a divine pattern for women to be a congregational pastor is more than a stretch but a fabrication of biblical facts that distort God’s divine appointments.

Miriam’s divine appointment was being a prophetess and leader of the Hebrew women. However, when she questioned Moses’ authority, she altered the divine appointment that God had blessed her with and consequentially broke the law. As a result, God punished her with a disease that turned her skin white and leprous. **Numbers 12.**

**Remember**, those who follow Christ Jesus fulfill God’s sovereign will and purpose for His glory and not their own.

**Jeremiah 1:5** “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

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### 3. Women in the New Testament

#### Priscilla

**Progressives** have often pointed out that Greek scholars consider Paul’s practice of mentioning Priscilla’s name before that of her husband, emphasizing that she was the more prominent leader of the church, which indicates a women’s divine appointment to become a congregational pastor.

Servants of Christ consider this idea erroneous for multiple reasons.

a. Aquila and Priscilla were **both devout Jews and lived by traditional Judaism [Acts 18:2]** before accepting Jesus as the Christ. They believed that men and women are spiritually equal but created differently to complete God’s sovereign will and His purpose, including a man being head of the household “**Genesis 3:16**”.

b. God's divine purpose is fulfilled using positioning as indicated in Genesis 1:27, Genesis 5:2, Exodus 20:12. However, Paul uses **proper historical etiquette** in Acts 18:19, 18:26, Romans 16:3, and 2 Timothy 4:19 when he lists Priscilla's name first. **When you use only the first names of a married couple, the women's name is listed first.**

**Summary:**

Servants of Christ recognize and applaud the work of Aquila and Priscilla and consider them an example for all to follow.

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**Phoebe**

**Progressives** indicate that Paul recognized Phoebe as a patroness and placed her in high social standing. Paul also used the term diakonos (δίκονος, "DEACON"), meaning "minister" or "servant" in **Romans 16:1** to describe her service. Since one of the meanings is "minister," Progressives have indicated that this reference understands that women should be entitled to become congregational pastors.

**Servant of Christ** understands that multiple meanings "definitions" of a word do not indicate that each word reflects the authors' true intent. A reader must look at the author's reasoning and purpose to demonstrate the true meaning. For example, Paul indicates first that Phoebe is a "**servant of the church**" and that she has been a "**helper to him and others.**" However, Paul does not list other positions other than servant and helper. All Christians should be "**servants of the church,**" as written in **Mark 10:43-45.**

**Summary:**

Paul's remarks about Phoebe are **genuinely heartening.** Phoebe was both a "helper to Paul" and a "servant of the Church." But to state that her service indicates a break or fracture in God's sovereign will and purpose for men and women only erodes God's intentions of true servanthood and the blessings that Phoebe received by being a **faithful "servant."**

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#### 4. Galatians 3: 15-29 “The Law and the Promise”

**Progressives** verse [Galatians 3:28] states that both men and women are equal and thus equal value to God, thus Justifying their “position” that women have as much right as men to be appointed a congregational pastor.

**Galatians 3:28** “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. “

##### **Galatians 3:15-29-The Law and the Promise**

15 “Brethren, I speak in terms of human relations: even though it is only a man’s covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds conditions to it. Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as referring to many, but rather to one, “And to your seed,” that is, Christ. What I am saying is this: the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance is based on law, it is no longer based on a promise; but God has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise. Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made. Now a mediator is not for one party only; whereas God is only one. Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. **Therefore, the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you **belong to Christ**, then you are Abraham’s descendants, heirs according to promise.”



### Summary:

I can clearly state that Progressives have been **completely deceptive** by choosing a single verse from a complete narrative to prove their argument/position. The narrative for **Galatians 3:15-29**, which includes verse (28), is clearly of **equal salvation**.



## 5. Slavery; Old and New Testament

Servants of Christ repudiate any conjecture that the Holy Bible teaches elements of Slavery towards women that progressives have claimed. Biblical Slavery, as indicated below, was different than the Modern Slavery of the past few centuries, with Christians at the forefront of ending the horrific practice of Modern Slavery.

1. Biblical Slavery
2. Modern Slavery
3. Biblical narrative on forced, 'Kidnapped' Slavery

**John 8:32 “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”**

### **A. Biblical Slavery**

In biblical times, **slavery was based more on economics**. People sold themselves as enslaved people when they could not pay their debts or provide for their families. In addition, enslaved people were accorded certain minimal rights in both lengths of servitude and protection against abuse as indicated in **[Deuteronomy 15:12–15]**. **Deuteronomy 15:11** instructs that the poor will never cease to be in the land. This biblical practice of dealing with the poor reflects aspects of indentured servanthood, then slavery, that dealt with a severe problem of caring for the poor.

### **B. Modern Slavery**

The slavery of the past few centuries was often based exclusively on skin color or nationality by unscrupulous individuals seeking financial gain or immoral behavior. The moral teachings in the Holy Bible started the movement to end the practice of slavery in America. However, worldwide estimates still have over 40 million people are in some form of slavery today.

### **C. Biblical narrative on forced, ‘Kidnapped’ Slavery**

The Holy Bible is clear that forced, ‘Kidnapped’ Slavery was punishable by death **[Exodus 21:16]**.

**Exodus 21:16** “He who kidnaps a man, whether he sells him or he is found in his possession, shall surely be put to death.”

Present-day slavery, however, still exists and has transformed into sex trafficking, child sex trafficking, forced labor, bonded labor, debt bondage, and domestic servitude of all nationalities.

### **Summary:**

Because of choice, we live in a world full of depravity that causes extreme unfairness and sorrow. The world oppresses and enslaves. An individual’s only hope for freedom is when one heeds the calling of Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior, as stated in **Galatians 5:1**.





## 6. Pauline doctrine of women in the church

### A. CALLED TO SERVE

The story of Paul's conversion from a devout Jew, violently persecuting believers in Jesus, to a devout Christian, fearlessly spreading the Gospel against all opposition, is found in **Acts 9:1-18**. In **Acts 9:15**, Paul states that Christ Jesus chose him to serve and make the Gospel known to Gentiles, Kings, and to the people of Israel. To accomplish God's calling meant that Paul had to overcome the seemingly impossible task of dealing with different cultures, etiquettes, and religious barriers to preach the Good News. For example, a standard etiquette in biblical times was that a man would be disrespectful if he approached a woman to start a conversation without an introduction unless the woman was involved in commerce. To overcome the cultural obstacle of preaching to women, **Paul recruited women for ministry**. As a result, **women played a significant role in the early church**; as the Apostle Paul mentions in "**Romans 16:1-16**," He identified sixteen helpers in ministry, and at **least ten of them were women**.

### B. GUIDELINES

**Note:** To this point, progressives agree with Paul's conduct towards women, but when progressives read of Paul setting guidelines for women's position and behavior, cries of cultural bias and sexism emerge. So let us review those scriptures.

#### Women in Marriage

**Ephesians 5:22-23** "Wives, **be subject** to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband **is the head** of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body."

**1Peter 3:1** "In the same way, you wives, **be submissive** to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives"

**Colossians 3:18** "Wives, **submit yourselves** unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord."

## Women's Conduct in the Church and home

**1 Timothy 2:9-15** "Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with **proper clothing**, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness. A woman must **quietly receive** instruction with entire submissiveness. But **I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man**, but to **remain quiet**. For it was Adam who was first created and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. But women will be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with **self-restraint**."

### Summary:

Adherence to God's individual calling to serve is not optional. **Neither are the standards set for service.** One's biased cultural lifestyle brings conflict, whereas submission brings union. Paul's submission allowed God's sovereign will and purpose to work through him. Remember the Preface at the beginning of this essay. **Matthew 23:11-12** "The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."



## 7. Systematic theology vs. Progressive Ideology

Progressives insinuate that Paul's writings (listed above under 6b. Guidelines), regarding a woman being submissive to God and Man in both Home and Church, are culturally biased and sexist and not reflective of the true intent of God and should be dismissed. Using Systematic theology as a discipline to formulate **repercussions** from Progressive's ideology, **ramifications** and **scripture conflicts** appear below.

## Implications

### A. Holiness

The **Holy Bible** is no longer “**Holy**” since it **contains** cultural bias and sexist writings.

#### [Scripture rebukes Progressive’s ideology]

**2Timothy 4:3-4** “The time will come when people will not listen to sound doctrine, **but will follow their own desires and will collect for themselves more and more teachers who will tell them what they are itching to hear.** They will turn away from listening to the truth and give their attention to legends.”

**1Timothy 6:3-5** “Whoever teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the true words of our Lord Jesus Christ and with the teaching of our religion is **swollen with pride and knows nothing.** He has an unhealthy desire to argue and quarrel about words, and this brings on jealousy, disputes, insults, evil suspicions, and constant arguments from people whose minds do not function and who no longer have the truth. They think that religion is a way to become rich.”

### B. Word of God

The **Holy Bible** is no longer “**The Word of God**” but “**Contains the Word of God**” due to cultural bias and sexist writings, indicating a degree of deprivation of the Holy Spirit.

#### [Scripture rebukes Progressive’s ideology]

**2Timothy 3:16-17** “**All Scripture is inspired by God** and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed.”

**1Thessalonians 2:13** “And for this reason, we also constantly thank God that when you received from us the word of God’s message, you accepted it not as the word of men, **but for what it really is, the word of God,** which also performs its work in you who believe.”

### C. Pick and Choose

The **Holy Bible** “**Contains the Word of God,**” which allows interpretation solely based on one’s own cultural bias and desires to pick and choose what to follow and believe.

#### [Scripture rebukes Progressive’s ideology]

**1Corinthians 3:19-20** “For **what this world considers to be wisdom is nonsense in God’s sight.** As the Scripture says, “God traps the wise in their cleverness,”; and another scripture says, The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are worthless.”

### Summary;

Paul exhorts the Scripture as the final authority, as stated in **Romans 4:3.** “**What does the Scripture say?**” making it clear that there is no other authority to which one can appeal. Paul thus informs that the “**Word of God**” is “**God Speaking.**” while instructing and teaching, Paul quoted Old Testament scripture around sixty times due to his belief that the “**Word of God**” was “**God Speaking.**” Since Paul referenced his instructions and teaching based on the Torah, Progressive ideology removes the complete Holy Bible, not just Paul’s pen of being the **authoritative Word of God,** to **Classical Literature.**



## 8. Progressives Theological Dilemma

**The doctrine of Jesus being “fully human and fully divine” vs. Progressive rationalism and ideology**

The Doctrine of Jesus being “fully human and fully divine” is called the Hypostatic Union. This term describes How God the Son, Christ Jesus, took on human nature yet remained fully God at the same time. **Jesus always had been God.**

**John 1:1** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God.**”

**John 8:58** “Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, **I am.**”

**John 10:30** “**I and the Father are one.**”

**Jesus was a revolutionary.** His actions elicited surprising reactions from his contemporaries in all facets of life. He was not afraid to challenge the status quo and reestablish Scriptural precedents. For example, the uniqueness of our Lord’s behavior **reestablished the Mosaic Law** that **lifted womanhood** and **ennobled motherhood**. Jesus also shattered pagan practices and prejudicial customs that were not divinely inspired and publicly included **women as helpers**.

**Jesus respected all women**, an attitude largely unexpected in most cultures. Jesus, unlike others, realized that both **man** and **woman** were created in the image of God and **had equal rights to salvation** but **different designations** for family and church to complete **God’s sovereign will and purpose** for His glory as indicated in scripture.

**Jesus in the gospels never repudiated the view of the day about women.** Jesus in **Matthew 5:17-18** states that he came to **fulfill the Law** that included **God’s divine plan for women**, which consists of the **Genesis Narrative** and the **Law of Moses**.

**Matthew 5:17-18** “Do not think that I have come to do away with the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets. I have not come to do away with them, but to make their teachings come true. Remember that as long as heaven and earth last, not the least point nor the smallest detail of the Law will be done away with—not until the end of all things.”

**Luke 16:17** “And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.”

### **Progressives theological Dilemma**

Progressives insinuate that Paul’s writings (listed above in 6b), which referenced the “**Law of Moses**” regarding a woman being submissive to man in both Home and Church, are culturally biased and sexist and not reflective of the true intent of God and should be dismissed.

### **Summary;**

**Jesus never repudiated any of the Law or religious customs established in the Law of Moses regarding women or the complete Genesis narrative. Hence, the progressives must conclude that Jesus was under the same worldly cultural influences. Thus, theologically, Progressive ideology denotes that Jesus was not God. (God creates, not subject to.)**

### **2Peter 2:1-2**

“**False prophets** appeared in the past among the people, and in the same Way, false teachers will appear among you. **They will bring in destructive, untrue doctrines**, and will deny the Master who redeemed them, and so they will bring upon themselves sudden destruction. Even so, many will follow their immoral ways; and because of what they do, others will speak evil of the Way of truth.”



## 9. Divine Dispensation vs. Pride

**Who do you serve? Who is your God?**

### HUMBLE

Salvation starts when an individual humbles or meeks their heart to accept Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior. Continued strengthening of the relationship depends on a humbled or meek heart so that Christ Jesus can mold and direct one's life. The bible informs us that a humbled, meek heart is essential.

**Psalms 22:26** "The **meek** shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live forever."

**Psalms 34:2** "My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The **humble** shall hear it and rejoice."

**Psalms 37:11** "But the **humble** will inherit the land, And will delight themselves in abundant prosperity."

**Isaiah 61:1** "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the **meek**; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;"

**Matthew 5:5** "Blessed are the **meek**: for they shall inherit the earth."

**Matthew 18:4** "Whoever then **humbles** himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

### PRIDE

**Under the influence of pride, both men and women believe they are masters of their lives.** The proud believers surmise they have accomplished what God has accomplished in them. Consequently, they seek credit for things that they cannot rightly take credit for; talent, intellect, abilities, health, and life itself are gifts from God. Whereas, **Progressive ideology seeks SELF-fulfillment, which establishes pride.**

**Romans 12:3-4** "For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function,"

**Proverbs 11:2** "When pride comes, then comes dishonor, But with the humble is wisdom."

**Proverbs 13:10** "Among the **proud**, there are always contentions: but they that do all things with counsel, are ruled by wisdom."

**Matthew 23:12** "And whoever exalts himself shall be **humbled**; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."

**James 4:6** But "He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "**GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.**"

### GOD DISPENSES



**The bible instructs us that God dispenses believers with gifts for His purpose and not our own.**

**Ephesians 3:7** “of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God’s grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.”

**Ephesians 4:11-12** ” And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;”

**1Corinthians 7:7** “Yet I wish that all men were even as I myself am. However, **each man has his own gift from God**, one in this manner, and another in that.”

### **Summary:**

**All** of humankind worship something. A **meek** or **humble**-hearted individual will submit to Jehovah’s Will and providence like His Son, where an individual with a **spirit of Pride** glories in self-righteousness and self-entitlement that seeks a God of Convenience. **Progressive** teaching promotes pride and entices with false and misleading freedom and self-entitlement, diverting one away from the Will, and the Purposing of Jehovah to a false God made in their image.

**Colossians 3:17** ” **Everything you do or say, then, should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus**, as you give thanks through him to God the Father.”

**1Peter 4:10-11** “**As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another**, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

**God instructs** us to be satisfied with the gifts that He has bestowed upon us; refusing or altering Gods gift is a reflection of a selfish and prideful heart

**1Corinthians 7:20** “**Let each man remain in that condition in which he was called.**”

**2Timothy 1:9** “who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, **but according to His own purpose and grace** which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,”

**Once Spurgeon had preached a powerful sermon.** As soon as he had finished his message, the devil whispered to him, “That was a fine sermon. You preached magnificently!” For a moment, he agreed with the devil. Then, upon leaving the pulpit, a deacon met him and said, “Pastor, that was a masterpiece.” Spurgeon interrupted and said, “You’re too late. The devil told me that a few moments ago.”





## 10. Everlasting Eve

**Pride** was the first sin that put an end to the peace of eternity. **Pride** cast Lucifer from heaven, and **Pride** cost Adam and Eve their place in Paradise.

**The Bible warns all Christians not to succumb to self-will and self-entitlement** that embellishes **Pride** and displaces God's will but always seek the lord with a meek or humble heart. But, unfortunately, Eve heard only the voice of Satan, Genesis 3:5 tempting her with more gifts and self-entitlement than God had bestowed onto her and fell into the same condemnation of **Pride** that Lucifer suffered.

**Genesis 3:5** "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

**1Timothy 2:14** "And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression."

**2Corinthians 11:3** "But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ."

**Eve had a perfect life and relationship with God and Adam before succumbing to Pride.** Progressives and their denominations have succumbed to the same sin as Lucifer, Eve falling into the same condemnation. The Bible teaches us that God has blessed women with the gifts of hospitality, mercy, teaching, evangelism, and helpfulness. These gifts are essential to assist and sustain the local church. The Bible instructs that women are not allowed to teach or have spiritual authority over men in both home and church. When Progressives and their denominations promote and encourage women to defy God as Eve in the Garden of Eden, they have fallen into the same condemnation of **Pride** as Lucifer and are promoting the **Everlasting Eve**.

**Proverbs 16:5** " Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD, Assuredly, he will not be unpunished."

## **Summary;**

**Nothing does more to set a person out of the devil's reach than humility.**

Please re-read the "Preface" at the beginning of the page. Submission to God's will is not prejudicial but a blessing.



## **11. Conclusion**

**Who do you serve? Who is your God?**

This essay indicated that Progressives and their denominations corrupt the word of God to encompass their Progressive ideology, which is in direct conflict with the teachings of Christ Jesus. The Bible teaches us that God has blessed women with the gifts of women's ministry, hospitality, mercy, teaching, evangelism, helpfulness, and birth. Abandoning God's will and purpose will only bring destruction. Always remember, Who do you serve? Who is your God?

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