

Women's Work

Praise for the **significant**
work of women in the
church



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INSPIRED REVELATORS (Acts 2:17-18)

- **Part of Joel's prophecy of the “last days” (17-18)**
 - God's Spirit poured out on “*sons and daughters*”
 - “*Men and women*” shall prophecy
- **Fulfillment seen in Acts 21:9 & 1 Cor. 11**
- **Prophecy is a spiritual gift that has ceased (1 Cor. 13:8)**
 - Passed through the Apostles (Acts 8:14-25) who are all dead
- **NOT replicable but critical in the launch of the church**

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GENTLE CORRECTOR (Acts 18:24-26)

- **Priscilla's knowledge of the way of God...**
 - ... allowed her to recognize Apollos' deficiency
 - ... enabled her to help explain more completely
- **Her discretion proves her love for truth and her brother**
 - Taught him without violating 1 Tim. 2:12
 - Privately to build him up, not publicly to tear him down
- **Her small direct effort had a big indirect impact (18:27-28)**

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VALUED CO-WORKERS (Rom. 16:1-4, 6, 12)

- Phoebe “*a servant of the church*” and “*a helper of many*” (1-2)
 - A “*deaconess*” in action, though not a “*Deacon*” in office (1 Tim. 3:12)
 - REAL SERVANTS DON'T NEED TITLES, JUST OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE
- Priscilla (again) risked her own neck to save Paul (3-4)
 - ... to the eternal gratitude of the churches where Paul went on to work
- Mary worked hard... (6)
- “Dainty” and “Delicate” doing the difficult (12)
- *The Rest of the Story* in Philippians 4:2-3

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SPIRITUAL INFLUENCERS (2 Tim. 1:5)

- **Eunice and Lois modeled sincere, unfeigned faith**
 - They passed that faith on to their son/grandson (2 Tim. 3:14-15)
 - He became a *“like-minded”/“kindred-spirit”* with Paul (Phil. 2:20)
 - He had faith to save himself and his hearers (1 Tim. 4:16)
- **Lydia's faith impacted her entire household (Acts 16:14-15)**
 - A worshiper and listener with an open heart and obedient spirit
 - The first convert in Europe
 - The beginnings of the commendable church at Philippi (Phil. 1-4)

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Today

INSPIRING REVEALERS

- Often the first to share the old, old story with precious new souls

GENTLE CORRECTORS

- Not showing what you know, but helping others grow

VALUED CO-WORKERS

- Help, support, and encourage those who preach and teach

SPIRITUAL INFLUENCERS

- Model a faith that will save you and those who observe you

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Let's never minimize the significant role godly women have played and continue to play in the Lord's church

- Apollos wouldn't
- Timothy couldn't
- Paul didn't

**Thank God for the Eunice, Lois, Priscilla and Lydia in your life
Then thank them**

In Christ...

WE ARE ALL ONE

“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.”

(Gal. 3:28)

Are you in Christ?

