



MINISTRIES FOR WOMEN

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In the Church

I believe there are five categories of ministry available to women in the Church.
For example:

1. Teaching
2. Outreach
3. Meeting Needs
4. Serving Roles
5. Power Ministries

1. TEACHING

This covers many aspects and ages.

- (a) Creche
- (b) Children's Church
- (c) Youth Programmes
- (d) Young or Solo Mothers
- (e) Widows, Singles
- (f) Elderly
- (g) Young women

2. OUTREACH

This is an important part of Church Growth. It is a means of reaching the unsaved to bring them into the Kingdom.

- (a) Breakfast
- (b) Luncheon
- (c) Dinner
- (d) Supper
- (e) Morning and afternoon tea
- (f) Visitors at Church
- (g) Camps (15 - 25 years)
- (h) Neighbours

3. MEETING NEEDS

It is a part of our Christian teaching to help the less fortunate around us in our district and beyond.

1. Food bank

2. Sickness
3. Clothes
4. Young Women in distress
5. Finances
6. Love Link - food and transport - all needs etc.

4. SERVING ROLES

There is always necessary work behind the scenes that is just as important as the roles of those out front.

1. Cleaning the Church
2. Arranging the flowers
3. Attending to Church linen
4. Making tea after a service
5. Greeting the people - hostesses
6. Join the Church singing group
7. Read the lesson on Sunday
8. Take your turn on creche
9. Take the offering
10. Serve Communion
11. Play the organ for special services
12. Prayer for the sick
13. Counselling

5. POWER MINISTRIES

Women who are Baptised with the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues are coming into ministries empowered by the Holy Spirit. These ministries are mentioned in Scripture as in Eph. 4:11-14:

Approved Ministries appointed by God for women:

Ephesians 4:11 Prophets
 Evangelists
 Pastoral Teachers

- (a) Prophets
In biblical times there were prophetesses. Today also there are women who hold the ministry of a prophet.
- (b) Evangelists
The role of an evangelist is open to women who preach the Gospel with signs following. The main aim is to bring souls into the Kingdom.
- (c) Teachers
According to Scripture women are able to teach women but not to take authority over men or teach them. 1 Corinthians 12.

GIFTS FOR USE IN MINISTRY

1. Word of Wisdom
2. Word of Knowledge
3. Gift of Faith
4. Gifts of Healings
5. Miracles
6. Prophecy
7. Discernment of spirits

8. Gift of a public tongue
9. Interpretation

In the Community

1. Prisons
2. Music
3. Literature
4. World Projects
5. Christian Schools
6. Art
7. Jesus Marches
8. Christian Sports
9. Reading - Hospital and blind
10. Radio
11. Television
12. Local Counsel
13. Parliament
14. Bible in Schools
15. Intercessors for the City and Nation
16. Women's Aglow Fellowship
17. Dove Fellowship (Catholic)
18. Youth For Christ - outreach into schools, street witnessing, rallies
20. Anti-abortion
21. Anti-pornography

In Evangelism

If people do not see Jesus in you they will not be evangelised by you. This means that our lives should witness to our faith and be an example of what we believe.

EVANGELISM - PUBLIC

There are evangelists who have a public ministry to the Body of Christ as in Ephesians 4:11-13.

Mark 16:15-20
2 Timothy 4:5

An evangelist needs to be hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit telling her:

1. Where to minister
2. Who to minister to
3. When to go - the time is God's
4. How to minister

The attributes of an evangelist are:

1. Born again - John 3:3.
2. Baptised with the Holy Spirit and gifts - Acts 2:1-4.
3. Read and know God's Word - 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

4. Know God's calling.
5. Be steadfast - single-minded.
6. Sacrifice - to put God first.
7. Speak with authority -Matthew 28:18
Titus 2:15
Matthew 7:29
8. To be sold out completely for God.

EVANGELISM - PERSONAL

Matthew 9:37-38

T. L. Osborne wrote:

"May a fresh passion for souls possess you until you too go out and let Christ witness through you - out where the unsaved are."

Acts 1:8.

The Holy Spirit does the drawing but we have to do the witnessing.
Your testimony or story is one of the best means of bringing others into the Kingdom.

Luke 15:7.

HINDRANCES TO WITNESSING

1. Complacency.
2. Apathy
3. Comfort
4. Price
5. Fears
6. Our sins
7. Our inadequacies and failures
8. Previous rejections and ridicule
9. Feelings of inadequacy

FINAL COMMENTS

1. Have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. Be baptised with the Holy Spirit.
3. Read your Bible daily.
4. Become a prayerful person.
5. Live a good life.
6. Have wisdom
7. Love others.
8. Follow the examples set by Jesus.
9. Help in any capacity.
10. Put God first.
11. Seek the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
12. Use the authority of Jesus.

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