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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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Women In Ministry

ACTS 18:24-28 NKJV – (24) Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man *and* mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. (25) This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. (26) So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. (27) And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; (28) for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

This is just one of many examples of women in ministry. I am amazed of how many leaders in today's society are trying to stagnate or unauthorized women to do the work God has called them to do. We all have a role and we must know it! God is about order! Many leaders are saying that the Apostle Paul did not authorize women to do ministry (teaching). The truth is Paul did not forbid women from teaching. This account must be explained.

1 TIMOTHY 2:12 NKJV – (12) And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

The Apostle Paul actually said this, but why? Paul did not want the Ephesian women to teach because they didn't have enough knowledge or experience. The Ephesian church had a particular problem with false teachers. Evidently the women were especially susceptible to false teachings because they did not have enough biblical knowledge to discern the truth. In addition, some of the women were apparently flaunting their new found Christian freedom by wearing inappropriate clothing. What Paul was telling Timothy in this passage was not to put any one (in this case women) into a position of leadership who was not yet mature in the faith. The same principle applies to churches today.

Yet, Paul still commended Priscilla (above passage) who taught Apollos, the great preacher. Others he commended who held positions of responsibilities were Phoebe (**ROMANS 16:1**); Mary, Tryphena, Tryphosa and Persis (**ROMANS 16:6, 12**) and Euodia and Syntyche (**PHILIPPIANS 4:2**)

In the Bible we will find other women doing work in ministry as well. Has the Lord called you (Ladies)? He has called us all to do some role, but to definitely make disciples. Act now on your instructions and be encouraged.

SCRIPTURE READING

HOSEA 14:9

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Procrastinators suffer from the hardening of the oughteries.

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