

# Does It Matter Whether Female Ministers Pastor A Church Or Evangelize?

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If there is male nor female because we are one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28), then does it matter whether or not a female minister pastors a church or evangelizes?

This question is quite popular today. Since women have become more vocal concerning equal rights within the past eight decades, it stands to reason that the ministry of the Word of God would be effected.

Some believe that since males have authority (revealed in Genesis after Eve ate from the tree of knowledge) they have authority over the female. If this is so then how can a female preach to a male? Evangelist Larry Morrison cites Titus 2:1-5. Paraphrased these scriptures instruct the spiritually advanced woman to teach the younger women what is good; they should teach the younger women how to be loving wives and mothers, sensible, chaste, good housekeepers, good-natured, and submissive to their own husbands. All of this should be done so that the Word of God should not be blasphemed.

"A woman can't tell a man about the Bible," Evangelist Morrison stated. "But she can tell another woman." The point being, he stated, that a woman cannot have dominion over a man and teaching the Bible would be just that.

There are women, however, who profess that God has called them to minister. Women like Rev. Mrs. Linda Pearl McIlwain, Rev. Mrs. Marla Gool and Rev. Mrs. Barbara McCullough.

Out of the three, Rev. Mrs. McIlwain has received the most pressure from those who believe that women are not supposed to minister.

"I know for a fact that I am called to preach," Rev. Mrs. McIlwain stressed, "I have come in contact with black male ministers who treat female ministers like prejudiced whites treat blacks. How can a man know that a woman is not qualified to pastor, to minister, to lead? Sometimes I feel that there is a sign on the pulpit which states 'Men Only.' Some are condi-



Rev. Mrs. McIlwain  
....Concerned author

tioned to the point that they believe only men can preach.

"Some ministers feel that it is fine to allow a female minister to preach only on Mother's Day or Woman's Day. The main factor is not being able to sit in the pulpit or to be honored, but to have the opportunity to carry God's word."

"I can wait on the Lord, but there are so many

women who are not answering their calling, either because their husbands or their ministers disagree about their ministering," Rev. Mrs. McIlwain commented. Within the seven years Rev. Mrs. McIlwain has pastored, as many as 20 ladies have confided in her about the prejudices against them.

Prejudices because of their gender. Because of these and other factors Rev.

Rev. Mrs. Marla Gool  
....Protected from abuse

Mrs. McIlwain has written a book soon to be published entitled "Women on the Outside Looking In."

Presently, Rev. Mrs. McIlwain is assistant pastor at Zion Chapel Church of God in Fort Mill, S.C.

Rev. Mrs. Gool of Victory Christian Center has not encountered problems concerning her ministry.

"I know there is opposition. But when I was called in 1972 I wasn't

thinking about problems. I didn't tell anyone about my calling."

"I did not put myself out there for pressure. I was quiet and allowed God to perform for me. God goes before me and prepares the way."

Rev. Mrs. Gool presently teaches on a radio program mainly geared towards women. But she has preached to men. "I have shared to a group of men

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who very seldom had women speak to them. But God confirmed the Word and the signs followed.

"If you go where God directs you He will protect you from abuse." (Rev. 2)

Rev. Mrs. Gool continued. Rev. Mrs. Gool's husband is Rev. Robyn Gool, pastor of Victory Christian Center. "I'm supported by my husband. My ministry is with his approval," she concluded.

Rev. Mrs. McCullough is associate minister at Galilee Baptist Church. She is most often asked to preach on Mother's Day or Woman's Day. "But this doesn't bother me," she stated.

Rev. Mrs. McCullough has been preaching for two years and she has not run into a lot of opposition from males. Her husband is a minister and approves of

her calling.

One early June morning she heard God speak to her. "Preach," He said. Her reply: "But, Lord, I'm not a preacher, my husband is!" The voice came again: "Preach."

"I had always been taught that women were not preachers," Rev. Mrs. McCullough stated. I tried not to, but if the Lord tells you to do something you will do it or there is no peace."

For two weeks Rev. Mrs. McCullough did nothing. She finally told her hus-

band, also associate minister at Galilee, and her minister, Rev. Fred Griffin about her calling. In November she preached her sermon.

There are so many interpretations of the Bible's messages. One thing that has been made clear is not to listen to what a simple man has to say. The best action to take is to pray to God for all answers. No matter if the answers come in three minutes or three decades, at least you know His answer is right.

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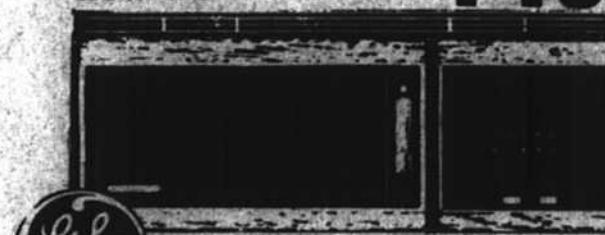
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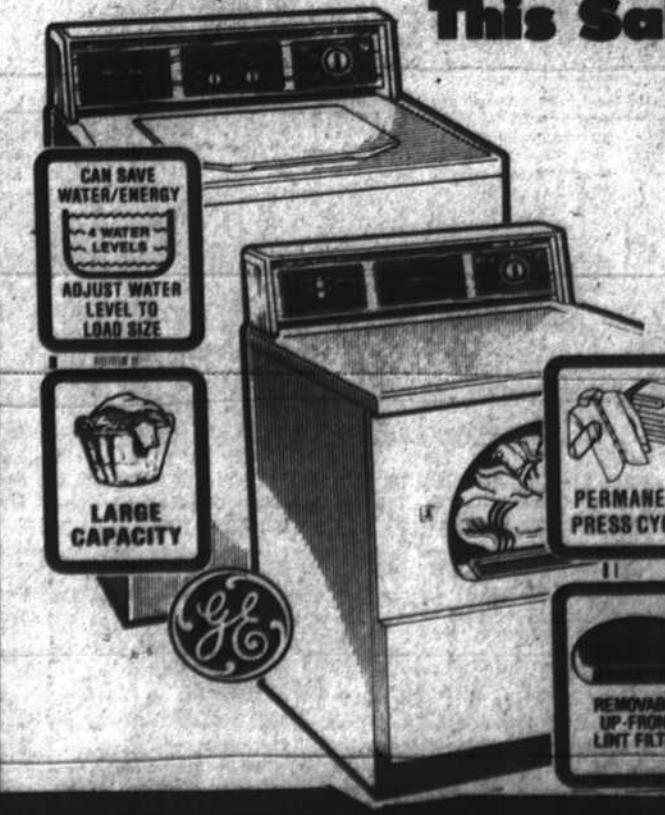
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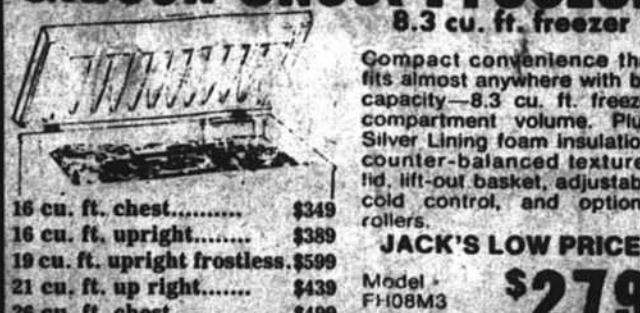
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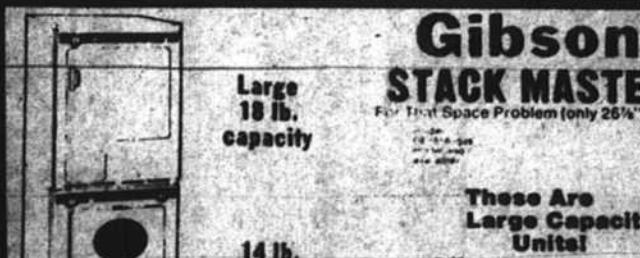
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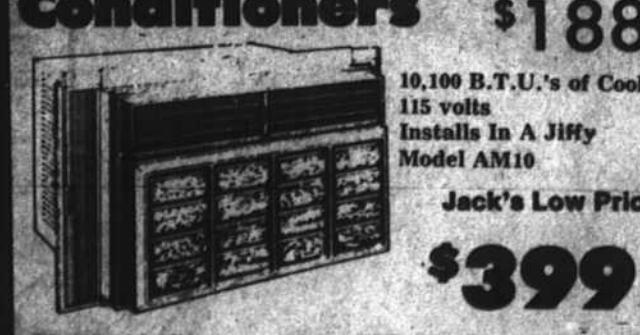


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