



Does the Bible permit both men & women
to be pastors/ elders/ overseers?

TACKLING TOUGH QUESTIONS

What leadership roles does the Bible
teach for men & women in scripture?

Sunday, January 18th, from 6 – 7:30 pm

**What Will
You Do?**

Imagine you're part of a team of highly trained meteorologists

You develop a machine that forecasts the weather with perfection

It forecasts each weather event with a specific time & result precisely

Day after day, year after year, the gentle & severe forecasts are perfect

Then the machine releases a terrifying forecast: the most severe earthquake the world has ever experienced will happen in Illinois

You check the machine for errors and run the report again and again

The report's timeline indicates from tomorrow to 1,000 years from now

You reach out to the state authorities, and they're initially surprised...

Taking report copies home, your team plans to meet, but the office...

What would you do now? How would you try to persuade others?

Would it be worse for you to remain
silent for impending physical
destruction or to remain silent for
impending eternal destruction?

I suppose the right question is, “Do
you believe what scripture teaches?”

2 Corinthians 5:7-11 (NIV) ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. ¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.

Our actions are not based on this physical world, but on the unseen God who revealed Himself through Jesus

Do we know what it is to fear the Lord? If so, are we really trying to persuade others to follow Jesus where salvation alone is found?

When we appear before Jesus, do we really want to have regrets for our actions in service for our King?

How often are you involved in persuading others toward the Kingdom?

2 Corinthians 5:12-16 (CSB) ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to be proud of us, so that you may have a reply for those who take pride in outward appearance rather than in the heart. ¹³ For if we are out of our mind, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, since we have reached this conclusion, that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the one who died for them and was raised. ¹⁶ From now on, then, we do not know anyone from a worldly perspective. Even if we have known Christ from a worldly perspective, yet now we no longer know him in this way.

How many people are you connected to who need to know that Christ died for them and, by trusting and following Him, they'll receive His great salvation?

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 (NKJV) ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

When we've been born again, our life, our destiny is found in Christ. We've become part of His new creation.

Christ fulfilled His mission to nail the debts of all the trespasses of those who follow Him to His cross. Jesus is the ultimate reconciler.

For all who follow Christ and have been reconciled to God are now called to continue in His ministry of reconciliation.

Do you understand that you are called to help reconcile others to the living God by the power of Jesus' blood and the Holy Spirit?

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 (LSB) ²⁰ So then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as God is pleading through us.

We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

²¹ He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Do you consider yourself Jesus' ambassador? Do you plead on His behalf for others?

Jesus literally took upon the sins of the world so that those who follow Him and put their faith and trust in Him can receive His righteousness.

Look at the language Paul is using for this church concerning reconciliation. Do you have the same attitude?

Do you know that evangelism doesn't have to be done alone?
Will you pray for Jesus' heart for the lost and walk in obedience?