



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

TACKLING **QUESTIONS**

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

Tonight, from 6 – 7:30 pm

A pair of weathered, brown hands are held up in a gesture of prayer or offering, palms facing forward. The hands are positioned in the center of the frame. The background consists of rough, reddish-brown stone walls. A warm, golden light source, possibly a candle or a small fire, is visible behind the hands, creating a soft glow and casting long, vertical shadows. The overall mood is one of solemnity and faith.

Proclaiming Christ with Joy &
Peace in all Circumstances

PHILIPPIANS

By the Power of the Resurrection

**Is Our Journey, on
the Narrow Path,
Filled with Humility
and Trembling?**

False Humility vs. True Humility

You mention how humbled you are to speak at an upcoming event.

You listen intently to a friend even though they don't ask about you.

You apologize for yelling and tell them what they did to make you yell.

You anonymously send money to someone with a great need.

You thank God that you're not like that evil person over there.

You seek God in everything you do, knowing you can't do it alone.

Demonstrating reverence in what you do

When someone shares something in confidence, it stays there.

On and off work, you carefully speak & act, knowing it's impactful.

You're guided by scripture & prayer because your heart can't be trusted.

You lovingly serve God, knowing He holds every breath in His hands.

Philippians 2:1-4 (NKJV) ¹ Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. ³ *Let nothing be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

We share in the same love, fellowship, and mercy from the Spirit. We need to be of one mind through the Spirit's direction.

We naturally look out for our interests, but do we consider our brothers and sisters above ourselves? Also, do we consider how to help unbelievers?

Selfish ambition is natural in our culture. Humility and exalting others are foreign, and we need the Spirit's help.

Do we regularly consider what humility looks like in practice?

Philippians 2:5-8 (LSB) ⁵ Have this *way of thinking* in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although existing in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a slave, by being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Every time someone was in awe about the stars, plant life, animals, or what humans built, did Jesus say, "Yep, I made that," or "I made them."

Do we take time to ponder the fact that the Creator of all was so humble that He was willing to do the hardest job and be humiliated so that we could be reconciled to God?

There is no greater demonstration of humility.

Mark 10:45 (HCSB) *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life - a ransom for many.*

Does our worship of Jesus lead us toward looking like Him?

Philippians 2:9-11 (ESV) ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The greatest life of humility receives the greatest exaltation.

James 4:10 (ESV)

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Jesus is King of the Universe now and forever.

You can choose to confess and follow His lordship now, or you'll be forced to do so in utter terror and anticipation of eternal destruction.

Everyone who spat on Him, rebuked Him, hated Him, slandered Him, accused Him, struck Him, whipped Him, stripped Him, ignored Him, pierced Him, and loved Him will bow to Him.

Does your life demonstrate that you were bought at a price?

Philippians 2:12-13 (CSB) ¹² Therefore, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, so now, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.**

¹³ For it is God who is working in you both to will and to work according to his good purpose.

Do you have a different "church" personality vs. a public personality? Also, who are you when no one is watching?

John 15:5 (NIV) *I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

Psalms 111:10a (HCSB) *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;*
Proverbs 1:7 (NASB₁₉₉₅) *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Though our Lord loves us and died for us, are we living our lives in recognition that our next breath will not come unless He allows it?