



The Caller

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Confidence Corner

John F. Board

As we continue on our life long journey of building our faith, let us consider some thoughts regarding the woman's role. For many, this topic produces a question in their faith. This often happens because one does not realize that God's plan for women is more an issue of the reality of

the role rather than God placing less emphasis on the woman as a soul.

God has chosen men to fulfill certain roles of leadership in the home and in the church. I can attempt to offer explanation for these directives of God but it is probably best to simply indicate what God has revealed regarding the woman's role in the home and the church.

Consider though the following thoughts that should help us as we think about the roles God has given (jointly) to each gender:

1. Women and men enjoy equal spiritual privileges in the body of Christ. They are "joint heirs" in Christ and there is no distinction in regard to their "salvific" position in Christ (1 Pet. 3:7 & Gal. 3:28).
2. In Genesis 1:28 Adam and Eve are given joint dominion over the creation. They each have unique functions and are given respective complimentary responsibilities.
3. Although limited in some capacities, women still hold a great place in the spread of the message of Christ. The woman at the well found Jesus, returned to her village, and shared the good news with those she came in contact. Her lack of being able to hold a public address to the masses in a synagogue or amphitheater, did not keep her from doing what she could do for Christ (Jn. 4:5ff). Mary Magdalene was the one who went to the disciples with the wonderful news that Jesus had risen from the dead (Jn. 20). And in one of the greatest roles of all, women influence the church more than they will ever know through the teaching of children.

In all, one needs to realize that although God has given a different position to women than he has assigned to men in the church, He does not view the role he has given to women as any less important. Equality with regard to salvation does not equal sameness with regard to role. Remember, even the Godhead, though equal, assumed different roles to accomplish God's purpose—we as humans must do the same.

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

Tract of the Week

"Let Every Man Be Slow to Anger"

Anger seems to be one of the most prominent problems in society today. As we conclude this tract series the writer writes about the consequences of anger and how to slow down our anger in everyday life. He reminds us at the end of the tract that anger is just one letter short of danger.



Taylor Christian Camp and Horizon's applications are now available. Please note deadlines for applications. Applications and appropriate fees are to be given to me. I will mail all applications at one time. Applications not turned in on time may result in your inability to attend. Space is limited at both Taylor Christian and Horizon's. We want all our young people to have the opportunity to attend these summer camps. If anyone is in need of financial assistance please see me so arrangements can be made.

Applications for Horizon's are due by May 18th. You are responsible for \$100 of the cost. The balance will be provided by the congregation.

Applications for Taylor Christian Camp are due April 20th. Please include the full fee due with your application.

Mandatory staff meeting for Taylor Christian Camp, April 12, 5:00 p.m. The bus will leave at 3:00 p.m. Make plans to attend and eat afterwards.



My hat is off to Jonathan Jones for the wonderful and thought provoking lessons delivered during the Gospel Meeting last week. Thanks to each person who was present for each service. The meeting was the best attended meeting in several years, and I hope the increased attendance will be a continuing trend in the future.

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - Modesty
Genesis 3:6-11, 21

P.M. - 5th Sunday Night Singing

Korah and the Women's Role

The boundaries God has set in His word for us as His creation are for our own good; God knows His creation and best knows how man should live in order to get the most out of life. This holds true as well for the often heated topic of the women's role. God's teaching in this area is designed to enhance a woman's fulfillment in this life, not hinder it. One can be sure though that Satan will continue to place doubt in men's and women's mind. He will cause them to ask, "Does God really say?"

Those who desire a more expanded role for women in the leadership of the church often turn to Galatians 3:28 as their proof text. **They affirm** this text clearly states that, in Christ, there should be no distinction between male and female. **They further reason** that since this is such a plain text, that the hermeneutical principle of using a clear text to interpret a difficult text ought to be employed when examining 1 Timothy 2:9-15. According to those who desire an expanded leadership role for women, such an interpretation of the two passages, provide harmony rather than contrast.

Romans 15:4 indicates that the Old Testament was written for our learning. One example from the Old Testament that helps to shed light on the subject of the women's role is the story of Korah's rebellion. In this Old Testament example, like in the expanded role for women debate, there is unrest in the camp over the exclusion of certain persons from religious leadership roles. Let's examine this together.

Like those today who desire expanded leadership roles for women, those in Korah's day had a passage that they felt provided clear directive from the LORD. Like their counterparts today, Korah and his followers focused in on one phrase from the LORD. Their proof text for their argument was Exodus 19:6 and their argument went as follows, "All of Israel was a kingdom of priests and a holy nation, therefore Moses and Aaron should not hold positions of leadership that others would not be allowed to hold as well." Moses and Aaron used Exodus 28-29 and Leviticus 21 as the basis of their position. Such provides an interesting parallel to the discussion of the expanded leadership roles of women in the church today.

Korah / NT Expanded Leadership for Women Texts Moses / NT Limited Leadership for Women Texts

All Israel was a kingdom of priests and holy nation → therefore should share the priesthood (Exodus 19:6)

There is no distinction between male and female in Christ so woman can have the same roles as men → (Galatians 3:28)

Only male Aaronites without physical defect could be priests proper (Exodus 28-29; Leviticus 21)

Women may not violate position authority in teaching over a man (1 Timothy 2:9-15)

Although both examples may at first seem contradictory, when studied closely and understood in their various contexts, a harmonious conclusion can be reached. The difficulty in understanding how the passages supplement each other, comes when one attempts to take a general principle and make a specific application that God never intended. In the case of Korah and his followers, they were taking a general principle and making specific application which God had not intended. This specific application of a general passage led to their disapproval in the eyes of God and their ultimate death. Likewise, in the New Testament, those who attempt to take a general passage and make it fit a more specific application that God never intended, do not meet with God's approval. If they continue in their rebellion to God's word, they too will meet with death—eternal death.

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY

News and Notes

DIANE LEWIS is awaiting results of recent thyroid tests. **BOBBY WHITE**, a friend of Ray & Kay Pack's family, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He will be undergoing surgery in April. **RILEY NELSON**, Kay Pack's brother-in-law, continues to improve from his staph infection. **RON STANLEY**, Holly Walker's dad, has been undergoing tests in Florida. **W. C. DAVIS** is currently dealing with shingles. **BOB MARTIN**, a friend of the Board family, suffered a stroke last weekend in West Virginia. **SARA SHARP**, Larry & Lori Clack's daughter who is attending college in Utah, was involved in a hit-and-run automobile accident last week. She underwent surgery for a broken femur and has cracked ribs.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	J Martin
Neil Burden	Tom Morgan
Larry Clack	Herb Pence
Elonda Crafton	Marie Rose
W. C. Davis	Terry Showers
Dana Fox	Grace Speer
Howard Gardner	Wilma Stull
Bernard Gillim	Barbara Underwood
Faye Guess	Lonnie Underwood
Nellie Hart	Lawrence Wells
Kent Lane	

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers: Dave Fulbright, Robert E. Wooten, Justin Gardner, Kelly Leverett, George Edwards, Joe Betterton, Myles Brothers, Dale Martin, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Mike Chandler, Nathan Blair, Nathan McClain, Willie Mitchell

Thank You

God gives me opportunity after opportunity to say thank you. I appreciate your cards, phone calls, emails and visits. Your prayers are so meaningful and give me encouragement. Thanks!

*In Christian Love,
Barbara Underwood*

Welcome Back

We want to welcome Adrian Price back as a member of the Elizabethtown Church of Christ. His address is 424 Morningside Drive, Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Phone # 765-4239.

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 3/30/08 Boxes/Pkgs. of Rice

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

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| 1. Ruby Keister | 18. Jacob Bartelt |
| 2. Buddy Guess | 21. Allen Woodring |
| Dave Tackett | Lauren Nowland |
| 3. Herb Pence | 22. Ken Bybee |
| Linda Carter | 25. Shane Muncy |
| 4. Greg Treadway | 27. Mike Parks |
| 8. Tom Morgan | Barbara Witty |
| 12. Aydan McClaskey | 28. Brandon Curkendall |
| Mike Chandler | |

Anniversaries

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| Randy & Nancy Lane | April 1 |
| John & Shirley DeVore | April 5 |
| Buddy & Faye Guess | April 20 |
| Tom & Vivian Morgan | April 25 |
| Terry & Tracy Nowland | April 26 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS SEMINAR**, hosted by the Lehman Avenue Church of Christ in Bowling Green, Saturday, **March 29**. The bus will leave the building at 8:30 a.m. and return approximately 5:30 p.m.
- **5TH GRADERS & UNDER "SPRING CELEBRATION & EGG HUNT"**, Sunday morning, **March 30**, immediately after services.
- **ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS MEETING**, Sunday, **March 30**, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 10.
- **5TH SUNDAY NIGHT SINGING, March 30**.
- **LADIES NIGHT OUT**, Saturday, **April 5**, 4:00 p.m., Etown Bowling Lanes. Cost is \$3.50/game and plans are to bowl at least two games and possibly go out to eat together.
- **SENIOR SECRET SISTERS GET-TOGETHER**, Sunday, **April 13**, at 4:00 p.m. in the South Wing. See Laura Muncy for details.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **April 14**, at 10:30 a.m.
- **MEN'S RETREAT, April 25-26**, at White Mills.

OUR RECORD FOR

March 23, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	147
Sunday Morning Assembly	230
Sunday Evening Assembly	122
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	17
Wednesday Bible Study	158
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,905)	\$6,085

**Elder/Coordinator for April
Henry McAlister**

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: In what verse of scripture, did Paul sum up his life with three short phrases?

Last Week's Bible Question: What type of person is better than the mighty? The correct answer is he that is slow to anger, Proverbs 16:32. Kay Thomason, Edna Ashlock, Joyce Pack, Bloria Taylor, Mary Walker and Betty Bray correctly answered the question.

Please write down your answer and give it to Ray, put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to ray.pack@kvnet.org by Tuesday afternoon. Please include the Scripture reference and your name.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class	10:30 A.M.
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Wednesday

Evening Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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Are You Part of the PARTICIPATION

Mar. 29 — Fundamental Truths Seminar
Mar. 30 — 5th Grade & Under Spring Celebration
Mar. 30 — Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meeting
Mar. 30 — 5th Sunday Night Singing
Apr. 5 — Ladies Night Out, Bowling
Apr. 13 — Senior Secret Sisters Get-together
Apr. 14 — Church Workers Workshop
Apr. 25-26 — Men's Retreat
1. 1 Samuel 25:32-30:10
2. 1 Samuel 30:11-31:13; 2 Samuel 1-2
3. 2 Samuel 3:1-6:11
4. 2 Samuel 6:12-10:19
5. 2 Samuel 11-13
6. 2 Samuel 14-16
7. 2 Samuel 17-19

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