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Women are told to use their gifts to teach other women (Titus 2:3–5)
Men are Called to Humble Leadership @ home (Eph5:22-23, 1 Pet3:7)

- No Place for Chauvinism in the Church
- We Need to Treat Women with Respect - Equal in Value and Worth
We Need Women to Use their God-Given Gifts within the Church
- The Bible Gives Countercultural Prominence to the Value, Worth, & Purposes of Women

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