

Gender & Ministry Class Suggested Reading

New material is coming out all the time on this subject, and we've only suggested a few of the possible books... of which there are many!

Online

For digital resources and articles, there are two noteworthy hubs:

- [Christians for Biblical Equality](#) - blogs, articles, podcasts and more from an egalitarian perspective
- [The Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood](#) - blogs, articles, podcasts and more from a hard-complementarian perspective

Unfortunately there is no online hub for articles about generous-complementarian or soft-complementarian perspectives

Books

If you want to go deeper and educate yourself further, we'd encourage you to read books from range of perspectives, and dipping into history, stories and experiences, biblical studies, and theology. Beware of just reading to confirm what you already are aware of - there's insight to be gained from the range of perspectives, and increasingly, these authors are listening to each other and finding more common ground.

- Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood, Piper & Grudem eds. (2006)
 - The ground-zero presentation of a hard-complementarian perspective covering the main texts from that point of view.
- Women in the Church 3rd ed., Köstenberger & Schreiner eds. (2016)
 - A selection of articles about the interpretation of 1 Timothy 2 from a range of hard-complementarian authors
- Man and Woman: One in Christ, Payne (2009)
 - Some very detailed and careful work on the key biblical texts that lands somewhere in the egalitarian camp
- Paul and Gender, Westfall (2016)
 - A key articulation of the reasons for egalitarianism about women in ministry. Lots of engagement with the range of arguments about the interpretation of key texts
- Paul Through Middle Eastern Eyes, Bailey (2011)
 - One of the best treatments of 1 Corinthians, that does an excellent job of allowing the literary structure of Paul's writing to shape our interpretation
- Discovering Biblical Equality 3rd ed., Pierce & Westfall eds. (2021)
 - Excellent articles on a range of issues, from interpretation to theological application to gender issues in the church and society

- Two View on Women in Ministry, Gendry ed. (2005)
 - Really three views - hard and soft complementarian, and egalitarian, although a bit dated now
- Recovering from Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, Byrd (2020)
 - A softer complementarian discussion that gets at the practical issues and experiences of those affected
- Neither Complementarian nor Egalitarian, Lee-Barnewall (2016)
 - Excellent treatment of recent history and the interaction between culture and church. Helpful discussion of a binary approach to the conversation
- The Making of Biblical Womanhood, Barr (2021)
 - Great discussion of how the modern conversation arose out of medieval and reformation history, as well as enlightening personal experiences about being a woman in complementarian churches
- Gospel Women, Bauchkam (2002)
 - A great study of women in the gospels, very helpful for material not often covered in detail
- Vindicating the Vixens (Glahn (2017)
 - Articles by a range of authors covering not just women in ministry, but often overlooked lessons we can glean from prominent women in the Bible, and especially their experiences of patriarchal and sociological issues
- Extraordinary Women of Christian History, Tucker (2016)
 - A great survey of some overlook characters, mostly in modern history, that we don't often hear about
- Women in the World of the Earliest Christians, Cohick (2009)
 - An excellent and even-handed discussion of the roles and experiences of women through the beginning of the Church
- Christian Women in the Patristic World, Cohick & Hughes (2017)
 - Enlightening history of female roles, experiences and responsibilities between the beginning church and medieval period