



Opportunities for Ministry for Women

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Through Scripture, one message comes through loud and clear when we observe those whom God would use in His work. Whether they are male or female, He is interested in using those who are entirely submitted to His will as expressed in His Word. Opportunities abound for women who desire to serve the church. Our focus needs to center on the many ministries that are biblically open to all Christians, not on the few restrictions mandated by Scripture.

Ministries to the Handicapped

Hearing Impaired
Blind
Lame
Mentally impaired

Ministries to the Sick

Nursing
Physician
Hospice care—cancer, AIDS, etc.
Community health

Ministries to the Socially Estranged

Emotionally impaired
Recovering alcoholics
Escaping prostitutes
Abused children, women
Runaways, problem children
Orphans

Prison Ministry

Women's prisons
Families of prisoners
Rehabilitation to society

Ministries to Youth

Teaching
Sponsoring
Open houses and recreation
Outings and trips
Counseling
Academic assistance

Sports Ministries

Neighborhood teams
Church teams

Therapeutic counseling

Independent
Church-based
Institutional

Audiovisual Ministries

Composition
Design
Production
Distribution

Writing Ministries

Free-lance
Curriculum development
Fiction
Non-fiction
Editing
Institutional communications
Journalistic skills for publications

Teaching Ministries

Sunday school: children, youth, students, women
Grade school
High school
College

Music Ministries

Composition
Training
Performance
Voice
Choir
Instrumentalist

Evangelistic Ministries

Personal witnessing
Parachurch groups
Home Bible studies
Outreach to children
Visitation teams
Counseling at meetings
Telephone counseling

Radio and Television Ministries

Technical assistance
Writing
Announcing
Producing

Theater and Drama Ministries

Acting
Directing
Writing
Scheduling

Social Ministries

Literacy
Pro-life

Pro-decency
Housing
Safety
Beautification
Drug rehabilitation

Pastoral Care Assistance

Visitation
Hospitality
Newcomer welcoming and assistance
Food and clothing and transportation

Prayer Ministries

Praying
Mobilizing for prayer events
Helping with small groups of prayer
Coordinating prayer chains
Promoting prayer days, weeks, and vigils

Missions

All of the above across cultures

Support Ministries

Countless “secular” jobs that undergird other ministries

The Awesome Significance of Motherhood

Making a home as a full-time wife

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