



The Teacher
in a local New Testament Church

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When Jesus ordained the church, He appointed two church offices: The Pastor and The Deacon.

- I. In Ephesians 4:11, speaking of the church, the Lord said He "gave some apostles; and some prophets and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and TEACHERS;"
 - A. While teaching is primarily the responsibility of the PASTOR, it is evident that he cannot do ALL the teaching in the church.
 - B. The teacher is a close associate to the PASTOR who is ultimately responsible for all the teaching of the church. It is in the "OVERSEEING" ministry that the Pastor administers the Sunday School and other teaching ministries.
 - C. Most of the qualifications and duties of a DEACON could easily be applied to the teacher.
 - D. Men are to teach MEN. Men should, if possible also teach teen boys.
 - E. The Bible says, "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the MAN, but to be in silence" (I Timothy 2:12). Before God gave this verse He said, "Let the WOMAN learn in silence with all

subjection" (I Timothy 2:11).

- F. Women can learn and teach other ladies (and children). But when it comes to teaching men, God forbids it!
- G. God does not call women to be theologians. In Revelation 2:19, God condemns the church at THYATIRA for allowing a woman to teach His servants referring to the MEN as evident in the verse. God called the woman "JEZEBEL."
- H. Teachers should "study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, RIGHTLY dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15).