

# Place of Women in the Navigators

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## I. Introduction.

- A. The topic of women in ministry is a difficult one.
- B. Jesus Christ makes the difference in this question. (Galatians 2:20)
- C. This is a problem that probably has no permanent solution.
- D. The Navigator work has been and always will be a work with a primary emphasis on men.
- E. However, a ministry is desired and has been promised of women working with women. (Isaiah 43:6, 60:4)

## II. Reasons for some tension between men and women.

- A. Some men are insensitive, and some women are over-sensitive.
- B. Some men are afraid of women, and some women are afraid of men.
- C. There is a challenge in career planning for the women.
  - 1. Being a wife is a Scriptural role.
  - 2. People react negatively to this as if this role was all a woman was about.
  - 3. Training needs to be tailored to individual gifts.
  - 4. A person must be allowed to set their own objectives.
  - 5. A Navigator woman is a part of the team.
- D. There is a concern that a woman will be used and not cared for as an individual with unique talents. (1 John 1:7)
- E. Pride prevents some from sharing certain roles.

## III. Guidelines.

- A. The husband is responsible for his family or is disqualified for the ministry.
- B. A women's ministry is needed overseas, and the growth of the ministry is tied to the utilization of women.
- C. A ministry cannot be solely focused on men because ultimately women will be lead to Christ and must be developed.

D. Guidelines are basically the same for women and men - the only point of discrimination is that a man should be in a place of leadership.

IV. Principles from question and answer.

A. The focus on women should not be on training for being a wife regardless of whether or not most will go into the home - the focus is on training as a disciple.

B. A few bad examples of the Navigator home does not make the overall concept bad.

**Application questions.**

1. How does the ministry approach the women question? What are some of the problems that arise from it?

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2. What are the guidelines for women's ministry?

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3. How is the issue approached in your church or ministry? Explain.

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