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## **Biblical Watershed Issues: Who Teaches the Believer? #4**

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*The Bible gives commands and parameters to different groups to teach believers.*

**1. PASTORS Teach Believers** – Pastors are given to equip the **saints** (Eph 4:12) – all believers, not just the men or the adults. This would include teaching men, women, and children (not exclusively – pastors teach children, but so do their parents & others). Pastors are appointed by God to oversee **local** assemblies and are required to be men.

**2. BELIEVERS Teach One Another** – We are all to teach and admonish one another. This is not limited to the men or adults. In light of James 3:1, this pertains primarily to passing on what we have been taught by our pastors.

**Col 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, **teaching and admonishing one another** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

- Compared with James 3:1, this seems to relate to repetitive teaching, repeating what one has been taught.

**Heb 5:12 – 6:2** For though by this time **you ought to be teachers**, you need [someone] to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

- This pertains to each and every believer. Each is expected to learn, understand, and be able to repeat the first principles of the Christian faith.

**With this category of teaching:**

- There is **no specific qualifications or skills**.
- There is also **no formal appointment**.
- There is **no elevated accountability**.
- This implies only **informal teaching** while interacting with one another
- The content concerns learning and passing on (six) **basic truths**.

**3. THOSE GIFTED WITH THE GIFT OF TEACHING Teach Believers** – These are some (a few?) that are given the spiritual gift of teaching. If this giftedness is not limited to pastors, all restrictions must still be identified and observed (1 Cor 14:34; 1 Tim 1:3-7; 2:11-14; James 3:1).

**1 Cor 12:28** And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third **teachers**, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. (cf. 1 Pet 4:10-11)

- As it parallels Eph 4:11 listing apostles & prophets, “teachers” seems to relate to the position of pastor-teacher, and thus limited to men.

**Rom 12:6-7** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, [let us use them:] ... he who **teaches**, in teaching;

- There are some that are specifically enabled by the Spirit with special teaching ability. This teaching gift is not limited to authoritative teaching. One can use his or her ability to research, organize, relay, and communicate what he or she has been taught.

**4. OLDER WOMEN Teach Younger Women** (Titus 2:3-5) – This seems to be informal woman to woman instruction, and deals specifically with key areas of **womanly conduct** and **attitudes** regarding womanly roles and responsibilities. Older, experienced godly women teach younger wives and mothers, and those soon to be such.

**Titus 2:3-5** the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things -- that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

**Observations of This Assignment:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Assignment: Addressing [all] older women, this indicates an informal, ongoing process in contrast to formal positions, structures, or classes. There is no specific position defined and no specific qualifications listed for a formal position.
  - There are no qualifications for non-male teachers anywhere in Scripture.
  - This would consist of repetitive teaching. (James 3:1 vs Col 3:16)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assignment: Only woman-to-woman (cf. 1 Tim 2:11-15)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assignment: [All] older women teaching younger women; experienced teaching inexperienced; relational.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assignment: What is taught are specific, gender-role related topics – attitudes, relationships, roles as wife, mother, and woman – nothing else.
  - This assignment is not an open assignment. It is not giving permission to teach everything, anything, anyone, or anywhere. This instruction defines clear, specific content in a specific scenario and a specific direction.
  - There is no assignment to teach “authoritatively” in key passages discussing women’s roles (Gen 1-2; Prov 31; **EMPHASIS** 1 Tim 5:9-14; Titus 2:4-5)
  - There are specific restrictions against women teaching (or teaching men, or teaching authoritatively): 1 Tim 2:11-15

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**SCOPE REMINDER:** Any teaching must remain within the boundaries of the rest of Scripture. Women cannot be pastors and thus do pastoral (“authoritative”) teaching. (This would apply to writing of the same nature, it seems.)

- 1 Cor. 14:34** Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says.
- 1 Tim. 2:11-14** Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. <sup>12</sup> And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. <sup>13</sup> For Adam was formed first, then Eve. <sup>14</sup> And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.
- James 3:1** My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

**Titus 2:3-5 in 19 Versions**

NEW KING JAMES (NKV) <b>3</b> the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things--	<b>4</b> that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,	<b>5</b> to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.
NESTLE-ALAND 28TH <b>2:3</b> πρεσβύτιδας ὡσαύτως ἐν καταστάματι ἱεροπρεπεῖς, μὴ διαβόλους μὴ οἶνω πολλῷ δεδουλωμένας, καλοδιδασκάλους,	<b>4</b> ἵνα σωφρονίζωσιν τὰς νέας φιλάνδρους εἶναι, φιλοτέκνους	<b>5</b> σώφρονας ἀγνάς οἰκουροῦς ἀγαθὰς, ὑποτασσομένας τοῖς ἰδίοις ἀνδράσιν, ἵνα μὴ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ βλασφημῆται.
BYZANTINE (MAJORITY) <b>3</b> πρεσβύτιδας ὡσαύτως ἐν καταστάματι ἱεροπρεπεῖς, μὴ διαβόλους, μὴ οἶνω πολλῷ δεδουλωμένας, καλοδιδασκάλους,	<b>4</b> ἵνα σωφρονίζωσιν τὰς νέας φιλάνδρους εἶναι, φιλοτέκνους,	<b>5</b> σώφρονας, ἀγνάς, οἰκουροῦς, ἀγαθὰς, ὑποτασσομένας τοῖς ἰδίοις ἀνδράσιν, ἵνα μὴ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ βλασφημῆται.
HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE (CSBO) <b>3</b> In the same way, older women are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not addicted to much wine. <i>They are</i> to teach what is good,	<b>4</b> so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands and children,	<b>5</b> to be sensible, pure, good homemakers, and submissive to their husbands, so that God's message will not be slandered.
DARBY <b>2:3</b> that the elder women in like manner be in deportment as becoming those who have to say to sacred things, not slanderers, not enslaved to much wine, teachers of what is right;	DBY <b>2:4</b> that they may admonish the young women to be attached to <i>their</i> husbands, to be attached to <i>their</i> children,	DBY <b>2:5</b> discreet, chaste, diligent in home work, good, subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be evil spoken of.
ENGLISH REVISED VERS (ERV) <b>3</b> that aged women likewise be reverent in demeanour, not slanderers nor enslaved to much wine, teachers of that which is good;	<b>4</b> that they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,	<b>5</b> to be soberminded, chaste, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed:
ENGLISH STANDARD VER (ESV) <b>3</b> Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. <i>They are</i> to teach what is good,	<b>4</b> and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,	<b>5</b> to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.
GENEVA BIBLE <b>3</b> The elder women likewise, that they be in such behaiour as becommeth holinesse, not false accusers, not subiect to much wine, but teachers of honest things,	<b>4</b> That they may instruct the yong women to be sober minded, that they loue their husbands, that they loue their children,	<b>5</b> That they be temperate, chaste, keeping at home, good and subiect vnto their husbands, that the word of God be not euill spoken of.
INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BIBLE (ICB) <b>3</b> Also, teach older women to be holy in the way they live. Teach them not to speak against others or have the habit of drinking too much wine. They should teach what is good.	<b>4</b> In that way they can teach younger women to love their husbands and children.	<b>5</b> They can teach younger women to be wise and pure, to take care of their homes, to be kind, and to obey their husbands. Then no one will be able to criticize the teaching God gave us.
INTERNATIONAL STANDARD VER (ISV) <b>3</b> Likewise, older women are to show their reverence for God by their behavior. They are not to be gossips or addicted to alcohol, but to be examples of goodness.	<b>4</b> They should encourage the younger women to be lovers of their husbands, lovers of their children,	<b>5</b> sensible, pure, managers of their households, and kind, and to submit themselves to their husbands, lest the word of God be discredited.
KJV <b>2:3</b> The aged women likewise, that <i>they be</i> in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;	<b>4</b> That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,	<b>5</b> <i>To be</i> discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
NEW AMERICAN STANDARD 1995 UPDATE (NAU) <b>3</b> Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,	<b>4</b> so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,	<b>5</b> to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.
NET <b>3</b> Older women likewise are to exhibit behavior fitting for those who are holy, not slandering, not slaves to excessive drinking, but teaching what is good.	<b>4</b> In this way they will train the younger women to love their husbands, to love their children,	<b>5</b> to be self-controlled, pure, fulfilling their duties at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the message of God may not be discredited.
NEW CENTURY VER (NCV) <b>3</b> In the same way, teach older women to be holy in their behavior, not speaking against others or enslaved to too much wine, but teaching what is good.	<b>4</b> Then they can teach the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,	<b>5</b> to be wise and pure, to be good workers at home, to be kind, and to yield to their husbands. Then no one will be able to criticize the teaching God gave us.
NEW INT'L VER 1984 (NIVO) <b>3</b> Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good.	<b>4</b> Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children,	<b>5</b> to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.
NEW LIVING TRANS (NLT) <b>3</b> Similarly, teach the older women to live in a way that honors God. They must not slander others or be heavy drinkers. Instead, they should teach others what is good.	<b>4</b> These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children,	<b>5</b> to live wisely and be pure, to work in their homes, to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God.
TYNDALE NT <b>3</b> And the elder weme lykewyse that they be in soche rayment as becommeth holynes not falce accusars not geven to moche drinkyng but teachers of honest thynges	<b>4</b> to make the younge wemen sobremynded to love their husbendes to love their children	<b>5</b> to be discrete chast huswyfly good and obediet vnto their awne husbendes that the worde of god be not evyll spoken of.
WEBSTER <b>3</b> The aged women likewise, that {they be} in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;	<b>4</b> That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,	<b>5</b> {To be} discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
YOUNG'S LITERAL TRANS (YLT) <b>3</b> aged women, in like manner, in deportment as doth become sacred persons, not false accusers, to much wine not enslaved, of good things teachers,	<b>4</b> that they may make the young women sober-minded, to be lovers of <i>their</i> husbands, lovers of <i>their</i> children,	<b>5</b> sober, pure, keepers of <i>their own</i> houses, good, subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be evil spoken of.

## Titus 2:3-5 Study

<sup>3</sup> the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things--<sup>4</sup> that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup> to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

<sup>3</sup> πρεσβύτιδας ώσαύτως έν καταστήματι ιεροπρεπείς, μη διαβόλους μη οίνω πολλῶ δεδουλωμένες, καλοδιδασκάλους, <sup>4</sup> ίνα σωφρονίζωσιν τὰς νέας φιλάνδρους εἶναι, φιλοτέκνους <sup>5</sup> σώφρονας άγνάς οικουργούς άγαθάς, ύποτασσομένες τοῖς ιδίοις άνδράσιν, ίνα μη ό λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ βλασφημηται.

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ίνα σωφρονίζωσιν τὰς νέας φιλάνδρους εἶναι, φιλοτέκνους σώφρονας άγνάς οικουργούς άγαθάς, ύποτασσομένες τοῖς ιδίοις άνδράσιν, ίνα μη ό λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ βλασφημηται.	in order that they might be making sensible the younger [women] husband-lovers to be being, children-lovers, sensible [ones], pure [ones], house-working [ones], good [ones], being subject to the one's own husbands, in order that not the word of God might be blasphemed.

[Fri] **σώφρων**, *ον*, gen. *ονος* strictly *having a sound or healthy mind*; as having ability to curb desires and impulses so as to produce a measured and orderly life *self-controlled*, *sensible*

**1 Tim 3:2** A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, **sober-minded**, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;

δεῖ οὖν τόν επίσκοπον άνεπίλημπτον εἶναι, μιᾶς γυναικός άνδρα, νηφάλιον **σώφρονα** κόσμιον φιλοξενον διδακτικόν,

**Titus 1:8** but hospitable, a lover of what is good, **sober-minded**, just, holy, self-controlled,

άλλά φιλόξενον φιλάγαθον **σώφρονα** δίκαιον όσιον έγκρατῆ,

**Titus 2:2** that the older men be sober, reverent, **temperate**, sound in faith, in love, in patience;

Πρεσβύτας νηφαλίους εἶναι, σεμνούς, **σώφρονας**, ύγιαίνοντας τῆ πίστει, τῆ άγάπῃ, τῆ ύπομονῆ.

**Titus 2:5** to be **discreet**, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

**σώφρονας** άγνάς οικουργούς άγαθάς, ύποτασσομένες τοῖς ιδίοις άνδράσιν, ίνα μη ό λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ βλασφημηται.

[Fri] **σωφρονέω** 1aor. έσωφρόνησα; *be of sound mind*; (1) of mental health *be sane*, *be in one's right mind*, *think straight* (MK 5.15), opposite *μαινομαι* (*be out of one's mind*, *be insane*); (2) of intellectual soundness *be sensible*, *use good sense*, *be reasonable* (2C 5.13); (3) of a measured and ordered way of life *be self-controlled*, *be moderate*, *be sober* (RO 12.3)

**Mark 5:15** Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one *who had been* demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and **in his right mind**. And they were afraid.

και έρχονται πρὸς τόν Ίησοῦν και θεωροῦσιν τόν δαιμονιζόμενον καθήμενον ίματισμένον και **σωφρονοῦντα**, τόν έσχηκότα τόν λεγιῶνα, και έφοβήθησαν.

**Luke 8:35** Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and **in his right mind**. And they were afraid.

έξῆλθον δε ιδεῖν τὸ γεγονός και ἦλθον πρὸς τόν Ίησοῦν και εὔρον καθήμενον τόν άνθρωπον άφ' οὔ τὰ δαιμόνια έξῆλθεν ίματισμένον και **σωφρονοῦντα** παρὰ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ίησοῦ, και έφοβήθησαν.

**Romans 12:3** For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but **to think soberly**, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Λέγω γάρ δια τῆς χάριτος τῆς δοθείσης μοι παντι τῶ ὄντι έν υμῖν μη υπερφρονεῖν παρ' ὃ δεῖ φρονεῖν άλλά φρονεῖν είς τὸ **σωφρονεῖν**, εκάστῳ ὡς ὁ θεός έμέρισεν μέτρον πίστεως.

**2 Cor 5:13** For if we are beside ourselves, *it is* for God; or if **we are of sound mind**, *it is* for you.

είτε γάρ έξέστημεν, θεῶ· είτε **σωφρονοῦμεν**, υμῖν.

**Titus 2:6** Likewise exhort the young men **to be sober-minded**,

Τοὺς νεωτέρους ώσαύτως παρακάλει **σωφρονεῖν**

**1 Peter 4:7** But the end of all things is at hand; therefore **be serious** and watchful in your prayers.

Πάντων δε τὸ τέλος ἤγγικεν. **σωφρονήσατε** οὖν και νήψατε είς προσευχάς

[Fri] **σωφρονίζω** strictly *bring someone to be self-controlled*, *be sensible*; hence *train*, *teach*, *advise*

**Titus 2:4** that **they admonish** the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

ίνα **σωφρονίζωσιν** τὰς νέας φιλάνδρους εἶναι, φιλοτέκνους