

Know and Do—Going Deeper, week 4: “Grey Areas for Men and Women” (know portion)

Theological Categories for Gender Role Distinctions

- _____ — The belief that God makes no gender role distinctions in the family or in the church.
- _____ — The belief that God does make gender role distinctions in the family and in the church.

Grey-areas in Complementarianism:

1. **Can women teach a _____?**
 - **Teaching men**—_____
 - **Teaching children**—
 - “I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well”—**2 Timothy 1:5**
 - **Teaching women**—
 - “Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.”—**Titus 2:3–5**
 - **Teaching teens**—_____

2. **Can women** _____? No, but there are _____ for women to communicate the gospel.

- “when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately”—**Acts 18:26**
- “So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ‘Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?’”—**John 4:28-29**

3. **Can women** _____ in the worship service? _____

4. **Can women** _____, run for _____,

_____?

- “She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.”—**Proverbs 31:16**
- “One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.”—**Acts 16:14**

5. **Can women teach** _____ the gospel? _____

6. **Can women perform Christian** _____? _____

7. **Can a woman teach/preach when there are** _____ to do it?

_____, most almost always _____

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Reminder—The following questions deal with “grey areas” of complementarianism, meaning they cannot be answered directly from Scripture but must be answered through wise, biblical principles.

1. Define each of the following:
 - a. Egalitarianism:
 - b. Complementarianism:
2. The egalitarian/complementarian issue has been one of great concern, especially in the Southern Baptist Convention. Why do you think this is so?
3. When it comes to women teaching small-group Bible studies, what are your views on the following four areas? Justify your views with Scripture and/or biblical principles.
 - a. Women teaching men —
 - b. Women teaching children (pre-adolescent) —
 - c. Women teaching other women —
 - d. Women teaching teenagers —
4. Why is it not wise to have a women guest preach in a church?
5. Name some things women are encouraged to do in a complementarian framework?
6. What things are women able to do in the church and/or in the home that men should not do?
7. How can men better encourage and equip women to serve in every way the Lord has permitted them?