

Help These Women

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I. Introduction.

A. Topic: comments on the Navigator work among women.

B. Text: Philippians 4:3.

II. Traditional work.

A. The Navigators were originally focused on men especially because of the shortage of them.

B. The goal was to build the Great Commission by recruiting, building and sending men.

C. Allocation of resources were to men first.

D. Legitimate reasons for the restriction of the women ministry: the calling and allocation of resources.

E. However, the work has never excluded women. (Luke 8:1-2)

1. Prayer has been a special ministry among them.

2. Paul started his ministry in Philippi with women.

3. Women have proven to be helpers together with their husbands side by side for the gospel.

III. Present women's work.

A. It varies in shape for several reasons.

B. There will be a great need for more women in the ministry—certainly there is a need for women in the Navigator work. (Isaiah 43:4-6)

C. There will be problems, but the solution is not to stamp out the women's work.

1. There are silly quarrels that cease when there are no talebearers.

2. There are unwarranted fears.

3. The real problems are men who fear a capable woman and men who think they understand women.

IV. How to help.

A. Help the women become godly women becoming believers, disciples and disciple-makers.

- B. Help them find their most effective place in life by discovering their gifts. (1 Peter 4:10, Romans 12:6)
- C. Help them develop a saleable skill.
- D. Help them in the matter of a life partner.
- E. Pray for women for disciples, disciple-makers, and staff among them.
- F. Esteem and love older women for their usefulness. (Psalm 92:14)

Application questions

1. What is the speaker's position on women in ministry?

2. What Biblical support is there showing the use of women in ministry?

3. How can men effectively help the women in their sphere? How might this look in your context?
