

Women Preachers: What the Issues Are and Are Not

- A. “This is a special day in the life of this church,” Patrick Mead shared in November as he introduced Lauren King, the new preaching intern, for the 4th Avenue Church of Christ in Franklin, TN.
1. “The Lord made it clear,” Lauren said several times in a widely-circulated online video.
 2. “It’s happening. There’s a movement coming, and I’m just honored and humbled.”
 3. “I want every teenager—girl or guy—to know that regardless of what the gifts the Lord gave them are, they can use them for his kingdom.”
- B. As people dedicated to being of Christ—every day, everywhere—what about this “movement”?

I. What the Issues Are Not

- A. The talent, eloquence, capabilities, competency, or _____ of men vs. women (*Gen 1:27*)
- B. The spiritual _____ of men vs. women (*2 Tim 1:5*)
- C. _____ (hatred, dislike, mistrust, prejudice against, or oppression of women, *1 Pet 3:7*)
- D. Popular _____ (*Gal 1:6-10*)
- E. _____ vs. Jesus (*1 Cor 1:10-13, 18-31; John 14:25-26; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 3:15-16; 1 Cor 14:37; 2 Cor 13:10*)
- F. Whether or not God has used women in extraordinary ways in the _____ (*Heb 11*)
- G. Having “_____” when I “walk through open doors” (*Acts 26:9*)

II. What the Issues Are

- A. My _____ are not the barometer by which God’s will is discerned (*Psa 119:9,105; Prov 14:12; 28:26; Jer 17:9; Acts 17:10-11; 2 Tim 3:15; Eph 5:17*)
- B. _____ are not the fountainhead of faith as God defines and describes it (*Rom 10:17*)
- C. There are greater issues at stake than “cultural _____” (*Jude 3-4*)
- D. God, who is not the author of confusion, has _____ (*1 Cor 11:2-3; 14:33-35; 1 Tim 2:11-14*)
- E. The _____ of the Spirit is not only possible, it is expected (*Eph 4:1-6*)
- F. God’s glory is the point of all service, and God is glorified when I serve him in the way he has _____ (*1 Pet 4:7-11; Col 3:17*)