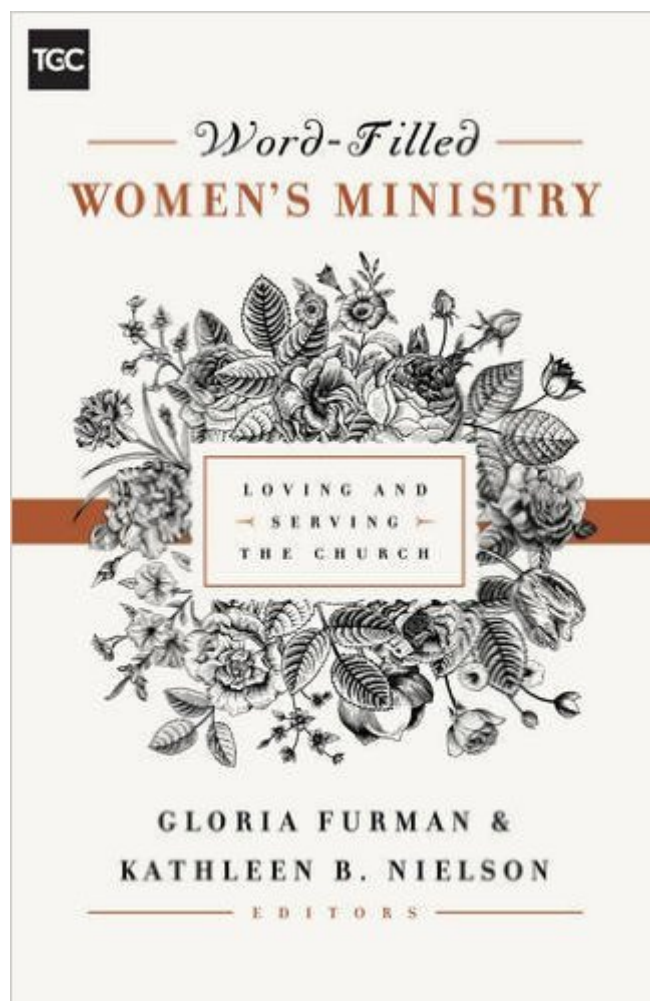


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# Word-Filled Women's Ministry: Loving And Serving The Church (The Gospel Coalition)



## Synopsis

A Practical Guide to Bible-Centered Ministry Among Women The Bible is clear that women as well as men are created in God's image and intended to serve him with their lives. But what does this look like for women in the church? Helping church leaders think through what a Bible-centered women's ministry looks like, this collection of essays by respected Bible teachers and authors such as Gloria Furman, Nancy Guthrie, and Susan Hunt addresses a variety of topics relevant to women. Whether exploring the importance of intergenerational relationships, the Bible's teaching on sexuality, or women's roles in the church and the home, this book of wise teaching and practical instruction will become a must-have resource for anyone interested in bolstering the health and vitality of the local church.

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I'm writing as a complementarian pastor who has been long interested in how to think about effective women's ministry. Many lament the shallowness that plagues the gender specific ministries in our churches. Yet many pastors are far more equipped to address this in men's ministries. I am thankful for the thoughtful, humble, pioneering work that Kathleen Nielson and Gloria Furman have been doing over at The Gospel Coalition. It was only a matter of time before this book was the result of their leadership. "Word-Filled Women's Ministry" will be a help to women of influence in churches and to women who simply want to grow in their understanding of ministry. Yet the benefits of this

book are not just for the fairer sex but for pastors and perhaps even husbands. The thesis of this book is (best I can tell) that the the Word is at the center of all life and vitality in the Christian life and so it should be for Women's Ministries which are uniquely susceptible to centering around many things other than the Scriptures. Robust theology is not just for the boys... its for all growing Christians. In chapter 9, authored by the book's editors, they even argue to teach the girls church history! This book provides a balanced mixture of practical wisdom and a defense for a Word-centered life. One of the most helpful chapters of the book is Ch. 5 where we get a defense of robust women's Bible studies as a method of evangelism. Later chapters address practical problems voiced through surveys from leaders of women's ministries. The authors conclude where they began, that all women's ministry is to be done with one end in mind, to foster an environment in the local church where women can mature and be presented complete in Christ. And that happens only through the Word.

Word-Filled Women's Ministry: Loving and Serving the Church is a compilation from a diverse group of ladies involved in some aspect of women's ministry. The main theme of the book is stated in the first sentence of the introduction: Profitable ministry among women is grounded in God's Word, grows in the context of God's people, and aims for the glory of Christ. The local church is the platform from which this ministry takes place. Therefore, it comes under the authority of the church leadership. Pastor/Elders should embrace a place where women can use their gifts within the body. Just as women have a responsibility to use their gifts in the local church, so church leaders have a responsibility to welcome their sisters into areas of service within the church where their gifts can be well used. "Cindy Cochrum I like that this book greatly encourages a team that works together in ministering to women. Sometimes it is automatically assumed the Pastor's wife should be doing and overseeing all the women's ministry but that does not have to be the case. What role could you play in women's ministry? God rewards stewardship, which is simply making the most of what he has entrusted to us in order to increase his estate. He has entrusted each of us as his servants with differing skills, aptitudes, abilities and opportunities. He has planted us in different places, surrounded by different needs, with differing personalities. We should be asking ourselves: What has God uniquely entrusted to me that I could be investing for a return for his kingdom? "Nancy Guthrie While fellowship-building activities should be welcomed and is much needed, it is not food or crafts that bring change to another woman's soul. It is the gospel.

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