

Q: Scenario: 2 Christian men and 2 Christian women are having a Bible study. One of the men asks one of the women to say the prayer at the end of the study.

The woman says she does not feel comfortable saying the prayer with Christian men present. The man says “It is okay for you to say the prayer because I asked you to.”

The woman did not lead the prayer and was told by the other woman that she should have because she was asked to by the man--“the man gave you permission.”

- What do you think?

Read **1 Tim 2:1-15**.

- What is being discussed in **vv 1,8**?
- What is being discussed in **vv 9-15**?

Does one relate to the other, and if so, how?
Note “men” in **v8** and “women” in **v9**. (The word used for “men” is the word for a male, not simply human being.)

In all the instances of prayer in Scripture where both men and women were present, do you know of any where a woman lead the prayer?

Can a woman “lead” a man in spiritual things?

Ac 18:26; Jud 4:6-10

Can the word “lead” have different connotations? Is it possible that a woman “leading” a man would be wrong? Why?

Q: *Can we pray to Jesus?*

- Ac 7:54-60
- 2Co 12:7-9
- 1Jn 5:13-15

1Tim 2:5,6 - “Mediator”? ...”ransom”

Jn 16:23,24 - “ask the Father”... in my name”
12:28; 14:13; 15:7-8,16; 16:14-15,23-24,26-27;
17:6ff