

Women of The Bible
Women mentioned by the Apostle Paul
Romans 16:1-2,7

Phoebe a Servant or Deacon? Romans 16:1

- A helper of Paul. The term is used for trainers that helped prepare athletes.
- On a Mission to Rome. (Commissioned) Did she deliver Paul's letter to Rome?
- Deaconess – Was she a servant in the church or did she hold the position of deacon?
- She was trusted by her church and by Paul.

Women Deacons or Wives of Deacons? 1 Timothy 3:11

- The Greek word means "Women." So the question is... women deacons or wives of deacons?
- Both have compelling arguments.
- If women deacons... did they only minister to women.
- What is the role of a Deacon? To serve. Board of Deacons is not Biblical.

Junia: A Female Apostle? Romans 16:7

- Is this a male or female?
 - Early church history vs. 13th and 14th Century church history.
 - Most scholars today agree that Junia was a female name.
- Apostle or highly regarded by the Apostles.
- What is an Apostle?
 - The original 12
 - Paul and the original 12
 - Barnabas and James the brother of Jesus referred to as Apostles.
 - Called by God to preach.
- Was she a part of the 72? Luke 10:1-20. Or a witness to the resurrection of Jesus?

Conclusion: It is possible for two people to study scripture and come to two different conclusions concerning the role of women based on these verses. Therefore, based on these verses, should our beliefs about women and their role in the church divide us?