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Functions Represented in Luke/Acts

FUNCTION	MEN	WOMEN
1. Patron		Luke 8:1-3
2. Husband/Wife Team	Aquila	Priscilla (Acts 18:2, 18, 26)
3. Host of a House Church	Jason (Acts 17:6)	Mary (Acts 12:12) Lydia (Acts 16:15, 40)
4. Prophet	Zechariah (Luke 1:67) John the Baptist (Luke 1:76) Jesus (Luke 13:33) Agabus (Acts 11:27-28) Judas (Acts 15:32) Silas (Acts 15:32)	Anna (Luke 2:36) Acts 2:17-18 Philip's Daughters (Acts 21:9)
5. Teacher	Peter (Acts 4:2) John (Acts 4:2) 12 Apostles (Acts 5:21) Barnabas (Acts 11:26) Saul/Paul (Acts 11:26) Acts 13:1 Acts 15:1 Apollos (Acts 18:25)	Priscilla (Acts 18:26)
Total: 5 Functions	4 functions	5 functions

## Female Prophets

### Old Testament

- Miriam in Exodus 15:20 (see 4:13-16; 7:1-2)
- Deborah in Judges 4:4
- Huldah in 2 Kings 22:14 (= 2 Chronicles 34:22)
- Isaiah's wife in 8:3 (?)
- Compare Noadiah in Nehemiah 6:14 (false prophet)

### New Testament

- Anna in Luke 2:36
- Acts 2:17-18/Joel 2:28-29
- Philip's four daughters in Acts 21:9
- "Pray and prophesy" in 1 Corinthians 11:5
- Elizabeth in Luke 1:41-45 (?)  
-Compare Luke 1:41 and 1:67.
- 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 (?)
- Compare "Jezebel" in Revelation 2:20-25 (false prophet)

### What does a prophet do?

- Evidence from Acts 15:30-32
- Predictive element: Agabus (Acts 11:27-28; 21:10-11)
- Evidence from 1 Corinthians 14:1-4, 19, 29-32

### Early Church History

- Ammia in Eusebius Ecclesiastical History 5.17.1-4; 3.37.1

## Female Teachers

- Priscilla in Acts 18:26  
-Acts 18:2, 18, 26; Romans 16:3; 1 Corinthians 16:19; 2 Timothy 4:19  
(underlines where she is named first; 4 of 6 times)
- Prophets in 1 Corinthians 14:19 ("instruct"), 31 ("learn")
- Anna in Luke 2:38 (?)
- The Samaritan woman in John 4:29-30, 39, 42 (?)

## Husband/Wife Teams

- Priscilla and Aquila (see Female Teachers above for references)
- Andronicus and Junia in Romans 16:7  
-In one case, the wife appears more prominent; in the other case, the husband appears more prominent.

### Female Hosts of House Churches

- References to house churches<sup>1</sup> and men who are named as hosts.<sup>2</sup>
- Mary in Acts 12:12 (Jerusalem)
- Lydia in Acts 16:15, 40 (Philippi)
- Prisca (and Aquila) in Romans 16:3-5 (Rome); in 1 Corinthians 16:19 (Ephesus)
- Nympha in Colossians 4:15 (Likely)  
-Why would a scribe change a male name to a female one?
- Phoebe in Romans 16:1-2 (?) (Cenchreae)

### Female Laborers

- Mary in Romans 16:6
- Tryphaena, Tryphosa, and Persis in Romans 16:12
- "Labor" (kopiao, kopos)
  1. Work (in general): 1 Cor 4:12; 2 Thess 3:8
  2. Work of ministry: 1 Cor 3:8; 2 Cor 10:14-15; Gal 4:11; Phil 2:16; 1 Thess 3:5; 5:12; 1 Timothy 5:17

### Female Coworkers<sup>3</sup>

- Prisca in Romans 16:3-5
- Euodia and Syntyche in Philippians 4:2-3
- Implications of 1 Corinthians 16:16

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<sup>1</sup>For other explicit, likely, or possible references to house churches, see also Acts 1:13-14; 2:46; 5:42; 20:20; Romans 16:14, 15. For the (likely) presence of multiple house churches in a city, see Acts 12:17; Romans 16:4, 14, 15; 23; 1 Thess 5:27.

<sup>2</sup>See Jason in Acts 17:6 (Thessalonica); Gaius in Romans 16:23 (Corinth); Philemon in Philemon 1-2 (Colossae); Titius Justus in Acts 18:7 (?) (Corinth).

<sup>3</sup>Paul calls a number of males "coworkers" (14 explicitly): Apollos, Aquila, Aristarchus, Clement, Demas, Epaphroditus, Justus, Luke, Mark, Paul, Philemon, Timothy, Titus, and Urbanus.

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Prosopography on Romans 16

Phoebe (vv. 1-2)

Men

Aquila (vv. 3-5)

Epaenetus (v. 5)

Andronicus (v. 7)

Ampliatius (v. 8)

Urbanus (v. 9)

Stachys (v. 9)

Apelles (v. 10)

(Aristobulus; v. 10)

Herodion (v. 11)

(Narcissus; v. 11)

Rufus (v. 13)

Asyncritus (v. 14)

Phlegon (v. 14)

Hermes (v. 14)

Patrobas (v. 14)

Hermas (v. 14)

Philologus (v. 15)

Nereus (v. 15)

Olympas (v. 15)

19 (actually 17) men

Women

Prisca (vv. 3-5)

Mary (v. 6)

Junia (v. 7)

Tryphaena (v. 12)

Tryphosa (v. 12)

Persis (v. 12)

Rufus' mother (v. 13)

Julia (v. 15)

Nereus' sister (v. 15)

9 women

## Romans 16

**Two Terms Applied only to Men**

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|---|---------|---------|
| 1. "approved/tested and approved (NIV)" | (v. 10) | Apelles |
| 2. "eminent/chosen (NIV)"               | (v. 13) | Rufus   |

**Five Terms Applied only to Women**

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|---|-------------------|---|
| 1. <u>diakonos</u>                          | (v. 1)            | Phoebe                                  |
| 2. "helper/great help (NIV)"<br>(προστάτις) | (v. 2)            | Phoebe                                  |
| 3. "worked (very) hard"                     | (v. 6)<br>(v. 12) | Mary<br>Tryphaena<br>Tryphosa<br>Persis |
| 4. "mother"                                 | (v. 13)           | Mother of Rufus                         |
| 5. "sister"                                 | (v. 15)           | Sister of Nereus                        |

**Four Descriptions Applied to Both Males and Females**

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. "fellow worker/s"                 | (v. 3)<br>(v. 3)<br>(v. 9)            | Aquila<br>Priscilla<br>Urbanus               |
| 2. "beloved/dear friend, love (NIV)" | (v. 5)<br>(v. 8)<br>(v. 9)<br>(v. 12) | Epaenetus<br>Ampliatius<br>Stachys<br>Persis |
| 3. hosts of a house church           | (v. 5)<br><br>(vv. 14, 15)            | Prisca<br>Aquila<br>"them"                   |
| 4. "apostle"                         | (v. 7)                                | Andronicus<br>Junia                          |

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Functions Represented in Romans 16<sup>1</sup>

FUNCTION	MEN	WOMEN
1. <u>diakonos</u>		Phoebe (16:1)
2. Patron		Phoebe (16:2)
3. Fellow Worker	Aquila (16:3) Urbanus (16:9)	Prisca (16:3)
4. Husband/Wife Team	Aquila (16:3) Andronicus (16:7)	Prisca (16:3) Junia (16:7)
5. Host of a House Church	Aquila (16:5)	Prisca (16:5)
6. Hard Worker		Mary (16:6) Tryphaena (16:12) Tryphosa (16:12) Persis (16:12)
7. Apostle	Andronicus (16:7)	Junia (16:7)
Total: 7 Functions	3 men/4 functions	7 women/7 functions

<sup>1</sup>Adapted from C. R. Hutson, *Leaven* (Spring 1996), 30.