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- At the time she is mentioned, she was 84 years old.



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Let a woman learn in silence with full submission. I permit no woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she is to keep silent.

1 Timothy 2:11-12





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Her legacy is that of teacher and prophet, and she is often held up as a model of a kind of *Biblical feminism*.



Anna in the Church

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Anna



has inspired numerous works of art, song, and poetry. She continues to inspire as a true Biblical Woman of Power.

