

BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD

1 Timothy 2

INTRODUCTION

- Our culture and society proves that the roles of men and women are confused and the clear imaging of God in relationship, particularly between husband and wife, is being distorted.
- We have to reassert to ourselves and teach our children a biblical, not societal, worldview. It is Scripture that informs how we see things and how we are to live for God's glory. Regardless of the cultural violations, we are bound to follow God's Word.
- In imaging God, the issue is simple: He is God and you are not. The sinful predisposition is to take control in big or small ways. It is a frustrating enterprise to try to control your calendar, kids' schedule or husband. God desires to glorify Himself in your womanhood and that always finds its resting place in Him being known as God in His people. So, how does a woman show that HE IS GOD?

Made in the Image of God (Gen.1:24-31)

1. God made men and women in His image
 - a. **Genesis 5:1-2**
 - b. **Galatians 3:28**
2. God made men and women to give Him glory and enjoy Him forever
 - a. **Psalm 86:8-13**
 - b. We should look to be instructed by God in how we, the redeemed / the delivered, are to glorify His name while among the nations, looking to do so forever. This includes our roles in creation.

Biblical Womanhood in Eve

1. God made Eve FROM Adam (**Genesis 2:7**)
2. God made Eve FOR Adam

3. Adam is the name of mankind...Eve for women only (**Genesis 5:2** - masculine generic for human race, *adam*)
4. There is order, then, in God's creation. Therefore, there is a complimentary distinction between men and women (not egalitarian).

Biblical Womanhood Challenged

1. Satan's twisting of womanhood (**Genesis 3:1-6**)
 - a. Robbing God of glory (questioning God's work/order, therefore His character)
 - b. By distorting God's image in women
 - c. To speak of equality in all things (function & roles), rather than dignity and image
 - d. Promoting discontent within the role women play
2. Eve's sin
 - a. Entertaining the serpent
 - b. Double minded (**2 Corinthians 11:3**)
 - c. Choosing the fruit
 - d. Everyone's sin is essentially NOT glorifying God... we all have wanted to be in control of our lives. For men, their distinctive tendency is abdicating leadership and the tendency for women is taking control
 - e. Brought about pain
3. Sinful expressions & tendencies
 - a. Remember, the roles of men and women do not exist for themselves. They exist to image God. so we must trust what God has established to put Himself more clearly on display.
 - b. Satan hates God and His glory, therefore his passion to distort images resides in his desire to rob God of His glory for himself.
 - c. Whereas the sinful predisposition for a man is passivity and abdicating the role of spiritual leader, the issue for a woman regarding sinful expression is the same as Eve, to exercise control and assume a role of spiritual leadership.

- i. Authority in the home - in some cases (single parent home) there is no choice. However, finding a faithful male figure can be very important in that situation (great care needed)
- ii. Authority in the church - given or assumed
- iii. Authority in the world

Biblical Womanhood Redeemed

1. The Birth of a Savior (**Genesis 3:15; 1 Timothy 2:15**)
 - a. Pain of childbirth reminds women of transgression
 - b. God promises a savior to be born of woman
 - c. Jesus Christ was born of a virgin to save sinners
 - d. Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again (**John 3:3**)
 - e. Those born again will persevere in their new nature
2. Displaying Biblical Womanhood in the home (**Eph. 5:22-24**)
 - a. Why not include **v.21**?
 - b. Submitting to the leadership of your husband. In the absence of a believing husband, to submit to overall leadership, trusting Christ to be present in your obedience to Him
 - c. As responders to Divine initiative (either directly or indirectly through husbands), allowing your husband to be the primary agent of sanctification in your life
3. Displaying Biblical Womanhood in the church (**1 Tim. 2:8-15; Titus 2:3-5**)
4. Displaying Biblical Womanhood in the world (**Proverbs 31:10-31**)
 - a. A godly woman is a rarity...she gets the attention of her world
 - b. She is industrious, a good steward in her home, and well prepared (without being frustrated that things don't go her way, **v.25**)
 - c. She speaks wisdom and teaches kindness, especially to her children
 - d. She is spoken of as being blessed...content (**v.28**)
 - e. She is treasured by her husband, but not because of her looks (though she would be well-kept)
 - f. But above all else, she makes clear that the Lord, He is her God. In that truth, she glories!

Application

1. Women...
 - a. You've been created by God on purpose for a purpose
 - b. You've inherited a sin problem from the first man, Adam, even though it was Eve who sinned first
 - c. You have an advocate who stands before God for sinners like us, the second Adam, Jesus
 - d. You were made to image God. To do so, you need the original image redeemed. You need Christ!
 - e. Believer, do you need to lose control? Are you trusting in anything / anyone other than God to be God? Do you, like the Proverbs 31 woman, laugh at tomorrow, or are you more anxious about your plan NOT coming together?
 - f. Repent of trusting in your flesh and this world, presuming upon the sovereign work of God. Destroy the double mind and remember your single-minded passion for Christ.
2. Men...
 - a. Single men, if you're a wimp spiritually, you'll attract a woman who will want to mother you. Problem is, that's why you're supposed to leave your mother...leave and lead! Be the kind of man who spiritually leads and you'll attract a woman who wants to adorn herself with godliness above everything else.
 - b. For those of you married, do you lead spiritually in the home or is this deferred to your wife? You are to make it a joy to submit to.
 - c. Pray for your wives to be godly women, and then be God's answer (initially) to that prayer.