

D2: The Home-Biblical Womanhood

"Male and female He created them. . . And behold, it was very good." Genesis 1:27, 31

WELLSPRING PURPOSE AND DISCIPLINES:

INTRODUCTION:

"The tendency today is to stress the equality of men and women by minimizing the unique significance of our maleness or femaleness. But this depreciation of male and female personhood is a great loss. It is taking a tremendous toll on generations of young men and women who do not know what it means to be a man or a woman. Confusion over the meaning of sexual personhood today is epidemic. The consequence of this confusion is not a free and happy harmony among gender-free persons relating on the basis of abstract competencies. The consequence rather, is more divorce, more homosexuality, more sexual abuse, more promiscuity, more emotional distress and suicide that come with the loss of God-given identity."

-John Piper and Wayne Grudem

Complementarian:

1. Spiritual equality before God and each other.
2. Role differentiation in our families and in the church.

Grace Bible Church, Biblical Conviction 7 - Biblical Manhood and Womanhood in our Church:

1. The Old Testament

a. Spiritual Equality:

-Man and woman are equally created in the image of God.

- Genesis 1:26-27
- Col 1:15 "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation."
- Phil. 2:5-8 "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being found in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."
- Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."
- 2 Cor. 4:4 "...in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."
- Heb. 1:3 "And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."

-Men and women have been equally impacted and corrupted by sin.

b. Role Differentiation:

- Genesis 2:18-25
- Genesis 2:15-17; 3:9

-Sin distorted their God-given differentiation. Sin did not introduce it.

- Genesis 3:1-6, 16-19

2. Jesus

a. Spiritual Equality:

- Matthew 13:33; 24:41; Luke 15:8-10
- John 4:25-26
- Luke 10:38-42
- Luke 8:43-48; Luke 13:10ff
- Luke 8:1-3
- John 20:1-18

b. Role Differentiation:

3. The Rest of the New Testament

a. Spiritual Equality:

- Gal. 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."
- Acts 18:26 (Priscilla and Aquila)
- Phil. 4:2-3 (Euodia and Syntyche)
- 1 Peter 3:1-7

b. Role differentiation:

Church:

- 1 Cor. 11:1-16

- 1 Cor. 14:34-36

- 1 Tim. 2:8-15; 2:3-5; 2:12

Marriage:

- Eph. 5:22-33

- Col 3:18-21

- 1 Pt. 3:1-7

“As sinful genders who have come to taste God’s glory and life transforming work through the cross of Jesus, we see something beautiful and exalted in our biblical manhood and womanhood. We do not *tolerate* a “patriarchal”, out-dated view of the genders because that is what our tradition dictates. We *embrace* the spiritual equality AND the role differentiation given us from our sovereign God. Why? God has something to reveal about Himself through BOTH our spiritual equality AND our role differentiation. For instance, man and woman (2) gives to us a simpler picture of who our Triune (3 in 1) God is. There is spiritual equality within the Godhead but role differentiation between Members as well (1 Cor. 11:3).

We are eager that God be seen within our church family and our nuclear families as we rejoice in our spiritual equality at the cross as well as obediently embrace these distinct roles He has given us.”

-<http://www.gbcaz.org/about/biblical-convictions> (conviction 7)