

## **D1, D2, D3 - The Heart, the Home, and Ministry**

### **Biblical Womanhood**

The Wellspring Purpose and Disciplines:

Introduction:

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

**The complementarian view of manhood and womanhood:**

1. Spiritual equality: Men and women have spiritual equality before God and each other.
2. Role differentiation: There are distinctions and differences between men and women and their roles.



- Old Testament Israel

## 2. The New Testament

- The Gospels - Jesus' ministry
  - Spiritual Equality
    - Jesus used illustrations and images familiar to women, Mt 13:33; 24:41; Lk 15:8-10.
    - Jesus revealed Himself as Messiah to the woman at the well, Jn 4:25-26.
    - Jesus taught women, Lk 10:38-42.
    - Jesus healed women, touched women, and allowed women to touch Him, Lk 8:43-48; 13:10-13; Lk 7:36-39; Jn 12:3.
    - Women supported Jesus' ministry, Lk 8:1-3.
    - Jesus sent a woman as a witness to His resurrection, Jn 20:1-18.
  - Role Differentiation
    - Jesus did nothing to exalt women to a place of spiritual leadership over men.
    - Jesus affirmed the God-given role differentiation from the Old Testament.
- The Early Church (Acts and the Epistles)
  - Spiritual Equality
    - "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," Ga 3:28.
    - All believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, Ro 8:9; Ac 1:14; 2:1-4.
    - All believers receive spiritual gifts, 1 Co 12:4-7; 1 Pe 4:10-11.
    - Believing women are fellow heirs of the grace of life, 1 Pe 3:7.
    - Both men and women participate in gospel ministry, Ac 16:14-15; 18:26; Ro 16:1-15; Ph 4:2-3; 2 Jn 1:1.

- Role Differentiation
  - In the church
    - 1 Ti 2:11-14 (Ep 4:11-12)
    - Ti 2:3-5
    - 1 Co 7:34-35
    - 1 Ti 5:9-10
  
  - In marriage
    - Ti 2:3-5
    - Ep 5:22-33

## Conclusion: What is Biblical Womanhood?

### DISCIPLINE ONE - THE HEART

*A biblical woman shepherds her heart worshipfully toward God through the Word of God.*

#### Her character reflects her devotion to the Lord:

- Fears the Lord, Pr 31:30; Ti 2:3 (rejects other fears, Pr 31:21, 25; 1 Pe 3:6).
- Hopes in God, 1 Ti 5:5; 1 Pe 3:5.
- Continues in the faith, 1 Ti 2:15.
- Above reproach, 1 Ti 5:7.
- Joyful, Pr 31:13.
- Loving, 1 Ti 2:15; Ti 2:4.
- Holy, 1 Ti 2:15; Ti 2:3.
- Self-restrained, 1 Ti 2:15; Ti 2:3.
- Trustworthy, Pr 31:11.
- Diligent, Pr 31:13-27; 1 Ti 5:13.
- Prudent, Pr 31:16; Ti 2:5.
- Industrious, Pr 31:24.
- Sensible, Ti 2:5.
- Compassionate and generous, Pr 31:20.
- Kind, Pr 31:26; Ti 2:5.
- Wise, Pr 31:26.
- Pure, Ti 2:5; 1 Pe 3:2.
- Devoted to prayer, Lk 2:37; Ac 1:14; 1 Ti 5:5.
- Gentle, 1 Pe 3:4.
- Peaceable, Pr 21:9; 1 Pe 3:4.
- Teachable, Lk 10:39, 42; 1 Ti 2:11.
- Respectful, Ep 5:33; 1 Pe 3:2.

#### Her adornment reflects her devotion to the Lord:

- Inwardly, 1 Ti 2:10; 1 Pe 3:3-6.
- Outwardly, Pr 31:25; 1 Ti 2:9-10; Ti 2:5; 1 Pe 3:3-6.

#### Her speech reflects her devotion to the Lord:

- Not gossiping, 1 Ti 5:13; Ti 2:3.
- Not being contentious, Pr 21:9.
- Not seeking to teach or exercise authority over men in the church, 1 Ti 2:12.
- Being teachable under the leadership of her church and her husband, 1 Ti 2:11; 1 Co 14:34-35.
- Speaking with wisdom and kindness and teaching what is good, Pr 31:26; Ti 2:3-5.
- Instructing children with wisdom, kindness, and love, 2 Ti 1:5; 3:14; Ti 2:4; Pr 6:20; 31:1.
- Discipling (teaching, training) women in the church, Ti 2:3-5.
- Sharing the gospel, Lk 2:36-38; Jn 4:28-39.

**DISCIPLINE TWO – THE HOME**

***A biblical woman is concerned for those in her home and ministers to them with her heart fixed on God and His Word.***

**This includes, depending on season of life:**

- Her husband, Pr 31:10, 12, 14-15, 21, 27-28; 1 Co 7:34-35; Ep 5:22-33; 1 Ti 5:9; Ti 2:4; 1 Pe 3:1-6.
- Her children, Pr 6:20; 31:1, 15, 21, 26-28; 1 Ti 5:10; 2 Ti 1:5; 3:14; Ti 2:4.
- Widows in her family, 1 Ti 5:16.
- Others in her household, Pr 31:15.
- Diligence and industriousness in seeing to the needs of her household, present and future, Pr 31:13-27; Ti 2:5.
- Wise stewardship of time, abilities, and other resources, Pr 31:10-22; Ti 2:5.
- Hospitality (see lesson 11), Pr 31:20; Lk 10:38-42; Jn 12:2; Ac 16:14-15, 40; Ro 16:3-5; Col 4:15; 1 Ti 5:10.

**DISCIPLINE THREE – MINISTRY**

***With a heart fixed on God and keeping her God-given ministry within her home a priority, a biblical woman steps into the church and every part of life to shepherd others toward God and the gospel.***

**For example:**

- Opens her home for service to the church and other believers, Ac 16:14-15, 40; Ro 16:3-5; 1 Co 16:19; Co 4:15; 1 Ti 5:10.
- Assists those in distress, 1 Ti 5:10.
- Shares the gospel, Lk 2: 36-38; Jn 4:28-39.
- Disciples (teaches and trains) women in the church, Ti 2:3-5.
- Loves and cares for children, Ti 2:4.
- Meets needs, Ro 16:2.
- Shows compassion and generosity, Pr 31:20.
- Is devoted to every good work, 1 Ti 5:10.
- Abounds with deeds of charity and kindness, Ac 9:36.
- Works hard to serve and help the church, Ro 16:1-3, 6, 12.
- Shares struggles in the cause of the gospel, Ro 16:3-4; Ph 4:2-3.
- Contributes from her resources, Lk 8:1-3.