

Men are Masculine – Women are Feminine

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Leviticus 20:7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I [am] the LORD your God.

1 Peter 1:14-17 [Live] as children of obedience [to God]; do not conform yourselves to the evil desires [that governed you] in your former ignorance [when you did not know the requirements of the Gospel]. (15) But as the One Who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your conduct and manner of living. (16) For it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy. [Lev. 11:44, 45.] (17) And if you call upon Him as [your] Father Who judges each one impartially according to what he does, [then] you should conduct yourselves with true reverence throughout the time of your temporary residence [on the earth, whether long or short]. [AMPLIFIED BIBLE]

Leviticus 11:44 For I [am] the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I [am] holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Mark 10:6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

Genesis 2:18-24 – creation of woman

Genesis 5:2 – call them Adam [1 Cor 15:42-52 – 1st man earthy; 2nd man heavenly]

Romans 1:1-2 – present your bodies

Titus 2:1-6 – sound doctrine – discretion & obedience

Deuteronomy 22:5 – clothing that pertains to men & women

1 Corinthians 11:1-16 – head covering

1 Timothy 2:8-15 – not usurping authority; in faith, charity, holiness & sobriety.

1 Peter 3:1-7 - a meek and quiet spirit

INTRODUCTION:

Unique Characteristics

To fulfill the intended purpose of God

Created Male and Female (Mark 10:6)

God given differences

To live in a manner that pleases God

The Nature of Masculinity

The Bible stresses responsibility over rights
Emphasizes the need for positive actions in several areas

- Authority
- Leadership
- Strength
- Courage

The Nature of Femininity

Has departed from modesty in dress, appearance, and behavior in general society
Society has allowed a woman's sensual nature to dominate her personality
Society has allowed a woman's sensual nature to dictate their lifestyle

Cosmetics & Makeup
Immodest apparel
Carnal attributes
Women - moving towards roles more masculine than feminine

Our World & Families need the presence of truly feminine ladies

Modest
Godly
Wholesome
Attractive
And respecting of their appropriate role
Turning to the Bible – not popular culture – for examples

Distinctive Appearance

Scripture stresses the importance of the distinction between gender as part of the original plan of God. When we humbly accept these distinctions, we acknowledge God's role as the Creator. When we implement them into our daily lived through our appearance and actions, then we invite the favor of God as well.

In Dress

Deut 22:5 – abomination to God & direct conflict with His character
God's judgment concerning social trends
The principle transcends the boundaries of time
Supersedes culture
Just as appropriate today as when it was delivered to the Jews
We should refrain from anything that violates the nature and character of God

God does not change

Malachi 3:6a – For I am the LORD, I change not...

James 1:17 – with God there is no variableness

Hebrews 13:8 – the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever

We can be sure that is something was abominable to Him in the OT then it remains an abomination to him in every age and culture. Cultures and styles change, but as they do it is up to Christians to make sure that they keep consistent to the enduring principles of God and His Word... There should always be a clear distinction between the clothing that is worn by men and women...

By Identification

Consider the universal signs on men's and women's restrooms

The distinction of pants for a man and a dress for women

Men wear pants

Women wear dresses and skirts

In Hair

1 Corinthians 11:3-16

1. A woman's long uncut hair is a sign of her submission to her figure of authority
2. It is a shame for a woman to pray or prophesy with an uncovered head
3. the angels are watching to see if the woman has long, uncut hair, which apparently is a reference to her position of power when she prays while submitted to her figure of authority
4. The woman's long hair is her covering and if she cuts her hair it is the same as if she were completely shaven
5. Nature teaches her to have long (uncut) hair as opposed to shorn hair (cut hair) or a shaven head.
6. Long hair is a woman's glory.
7. A woman's long hair is one of God's methods for maintaining a distinction between male and female
8. Short hair on a man is a symbol of his submission to his figure of authority, God.
9. A man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head (authority), which is Christ
10. Long hair is the universal, Biblical covering
11. Nature teaches a man to have short hair.
12. Long hair is a shame on a man.
13. Short hair on a man is one of God's methods for maintaining an outward distinction between male and female.

Distinctive Roles in the Home

Role of a Husband

Authority
Leadership
Strength
Courage

The husband is the priest of his home

Joshua 24:15 – but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD

The Husband is supposed to provide for the physical needs of the family

1 Timothy 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

The man should look after the mental and emotional well-being of his family

Role of the Wife

God's plan places the woman as the hub around which the home revolves
She determines the atmosphere in the home
She determines the quality of the relationships that are carried on in the home

Titus 2:5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Proverbs 31:27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Women should seek to make the nurturing of the home their highest priority, after their relationship with God...

Procreation – well suited to nurture children

Men are sometimes clumsy and awkward
Women have finesse, patience, and tenderness

The Role of a Single Parent

Single parents should not hesitate to take advantage of their extended “family” within the local church body.

Appropriate Conduct

Romans 12:1-2

Respect of Self

Reject the world’s twisted value system concerning the sexes
We do this when we adhere to God’s divine order of male and female
These roles were established at creation

Respect of Others

Based on the purity of relationship between the genders established by God:

Genesis 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Adam & Eve’s sense of innocence was derived from the fact that they were functioning in agreement with God’s plan for them as individuals

Only those who maintain godly principles will be aware of the dangers of violating scriptural guidelines of proper behavior toward the opposite sex

1 Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

Ephesians 5:20-33 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; (21) Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. (22) Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. (23) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. (24) Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so [let] the wives [be] to their own husbands in every thing. (25) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (26) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, (27) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (28) So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. (29) For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: (30) For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. (31) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. (32) This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (33) Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife [see] that she reverence [her] husband.