

Biblical Manhood and Womanhood: In the Home and the Church

Genesis 2

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. ¹⁴Let all that you do be done in love.

Biblical Complementarianism: Men and women are co-equals in the sight of God because both are made in God's image, and they have distinct roles in God's design (though often overlapping) that are intended to work together in beautiful harmony for God's glory.

Key:

Men and women are both created in God's image.

(This is what makes us in tune with God and with each other.)

What does it mean to be made in God's image?

Genesis 1:27-28

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 2:15-17

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

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Both men and women can have a wonderful relationship with God that reflects his character and represents his rule on earth.

Time:

Men and women are both able to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

(This is what keeps us in step with God and each other.)

Ephesians 5:18-21

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Galatians 5:15-16

But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶
But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Galatians 5:17-18

For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸
But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:22-26

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?

To be so full of faith and joy in the Word of God and his gospel of salvation that I have spiritual power, boldness, and insight to live for the Lord and bring him glory.

Parts:

Men and women are to sing different parts according to what the Composer has written. (This is what gives us harmony, interest, and beauty.)

The Paradox of Equality and Headship in Genesis 1-2:

1. Though God creates two sexes in his image, he refers to the human race as man.

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Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . . So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

The Paradox of Equality and Headship in Genesis 1-2:

2. Though God intimately creates both the man and the woman, he creates the man first.

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Genesis 2:7

Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

The Paradox of Equality and Headship in Genesis 1-2:

3. Though both the man and the woman are held to the same standard of obedience, the first command was given through the man.

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4. Though the woman is "suitable" for the man, she is created as a "helper" for the man.

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Genesis 2:18

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

The Paradox of Equality and Headship in Genesis 1-2:

5. Though the woman is created from the man, she is created for the man.

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Genesis 2:21-22

So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

The Paradox of Equality and Headship in Genesis 1-2:

6. Though the woman is of the same substance as the man, the man names her.

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Genesis 2:23

Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

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7. Though the man and woman become "one flesh" in marriage, the man is the representative of the new home.

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Genesis 2:24

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

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