

Discipleship:  
An  
Introduction to  
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The Doctrines of Creation:

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# Creation of Humans; male and female he created them

**So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)**

**In this section we will seek to briefly explore:**

- 1. Why the animals are male and female but not said to be created male and female.**
  - 2. The question of differing roles of men and women and male headship within the church and marriage.**
  - 3. Understand what is desired biblical manhood and womanhood.**
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# Creation of Humans; Differences in Roles

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- **Adam was created first and then Eve:** In the OT the first born in any generation initially is assumed to be the leader of that generation. Also in the creation of animals there is not first creation of males and then females.
- **Eve was created as a helper for Adam:** For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. (1 Corinthians 11:8-9)
- **Adam named Eve:** Adam was given dominion over the animals and named them. Therefore when Adam named Eve it indicated a leadership role. 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.” (Genesis 2:23)

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- God named the human race “Man” not “Woman:” This is similar to a wife taking her husbands last name to indicate his headship.

Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. (Genesis 5:2)

- The Serpent came to Eve first: Satan attempted to reverse the roles of husbands and wives tempting Eve to take the leadership role. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. (1 Timothy 2:13-14)
- After the Fall God went to Adam first (Genesis 3:9): Notice this is before God pronounced judgment on Eve in Genesis 3:16.

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- All humans are counted as sinners because of Adam's sin not Eve's sin: For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. (1 Corinthians 15:21-22)
- Adam and Eve's punishments did not introduce new roles but introduced pain and distortion in the original roles: Adam would still have to till the earth but now there are weeds and Eve would still have to bear children but now there is a **great increase** in pain.

“I will surely **multiply** your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. (Genesis 3:16)

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Your **desire** shall be for your husband, and he shall **rule** over you." (Genesis 3:16)

- The Hebrew word (*teshûqāh*) translated desire means a desire to conquer. Thus Eve will rebel against Adam's authority.
- The Hebrew word (*māshal*) translated rule is a very strong word usually reserved for governments not families and implies dictatorial or uncaring use of authority; harshness not kindness.
- Therefore, God's punishment included conflict and pain in the marriage relationship.

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## Differences in Roles

- The NT encourages husbands and wives to work towards the original created order and not the distortions of the Fall.

Wives, **submit** to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, **love** your wives, and do **not be harsh** with them. (Colossians 3:18-19)

This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you **love his wife as himself**, and let the wife see that she **respects her husband**. (Ephesians 5:32-33)

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- **Husbands must not be selfish, harsh, abusive or domineering for this is sin. Wives must not be rebellious, resentful of their husband's leadership or compete with their husband for leadership of the family for this too is sin.**
- **On the other hand husbands must not be passive or lazy, letting their wives make all the decisions and even do what he knows to be wrong at his wife's urging.**
- **Similarly wives must not be so passive that they do not contribute to family decisions or correct their husband when they see him leading down the wrong pathway.**

# Creation of Humans; Mature Masculinity and Femininity\*

**Mature Masculinity: The sense of a benevolent responsibility to lead, provide for and protect women in ways appropriate to a man's differing relationships.**

**Mature Femininity: A freeing disposition to affirm, receive and nurture strength and leadership from worthy men in ways appropriate to a woman's differing relationships.**

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**Mature** means growing out of sinful distortion and limitations and finding the true nature of masculinity.

**Sense**: a man must not only be responsible but also sense/affirm his responsibility even if he is not in a situation where he can relate to a woman or is physically able to provide/protect.

**Benevolent**: the responsibility of manhood is to act for the good of the woman

**Responsibility** is a God-given trust men will be called to account for and not a right.

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Leadership is not expressed in a demand to be served but in the strength to serve and sacrifice for the good of the woman. It does not give the man Christ's authority or assume superiority. It does not require the man to initiate every action but does require overall that in general he does take the initiative. Where there are disagreements the man makes the final decision and initiates reconciliation when required.

Provide does not exclude women from provision but means the man feels the chief responsibility to assure there is "food on the table" etc.

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Protect means that a man should sense a God-given responsibility to protect all women not just his wife or daughter or sister or mother etc. This does not mean women never protect themselves or others but that the man is primarily responsible to investigate "noises in the night."

Women means women in general.

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Differing relationships means there are differences in the way a man relates to a woman in the church, at work, and so forth and how he relates to his wife. However, the man has the primary responsibility to protect and provide for women outside of the marriage relationship.

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Mature implies a distortion of femininity has taken place. Mature is not what sin has made of womanhood or what popular opinion has made of it but what God willed for it to be at its best.

Freeing disposition: freeing is not license but what accords with **truth**. and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32) It is a disposition not a set of behaviors. The more Godly the husband leads the more freely the wife is disposed to follow.

Affirm means mature women advocate complementarianism whether they are married or not.

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Receive means mature femininity feels natural and glad to accept the strength and leadership of worthy men. Mature femininity does not seek role reversals and feels enhanced, honored and freed by caring strength and servant leadership.

Nurture means that a mature woman senses a responsibility not only to receive but to nurture her husband's masculinity as his partner and assistant. She strengthens the strength she receives and refines and extends the leadership she desires.

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Woman's differing relationships: Mature femininity does not express itself in the same way towards every man as it does towards her husband. Nevertheless, mature femininity values the unique strengths of men even in workplace situations where the woman may be in a leadership role over men. On the other hand roles that are highly directive in nature will likely strain the humanity of both men and women (commanding male troops in battle or refereeing a football game).

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**Woman's differing relationships: The more personal a woman's relationship is with a man the more she must offer nondirective guidance. Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, (1 Peter 3:1)**

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**Mature femininity is very sensitive to appropriate dress and behavior in church, school, social, and workplace interactions with men. Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, (1 Peter 3:3-5)**

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