



The Role of Men and Woman in the Home and Church

What are we talking about?

- Are men to lead their families?
- Should a wife submit to her husband? If so, why?
- Do men and women have equal say in the home?
- Does the Bible value and respect women?
- Can a woman pastor? Can a woman serve as a deacon? Why or why not?
- Can a woman lead in church?

God's plan has always been to work through different roles

Everything started with two people: **ADAM AND EVE**

Both were a vital part of God's plan

- Both have equal value
- Both have equal purpose
- Both created by God

Men and woman are very different on purpose!

God is a god of order

1 Corinthians 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

In Genesis, God created Adam and Eve, but not at the same time or in the same way for a reason

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

Different on purpose!

Why did God create man and woman at different times and in different ways

- He was establishing their distinction of their roles

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. 8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; **and there he put the man whom he had formed.**

Why did God make Adam first?

The husband's role is.....

1. To Walk with God

Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Before Adam spent time with Eve, Adam spent time alone with GOD

- We learn our role from God
- We submit to God

Your husband should be a reflection of God in your marriage

His Role was....

2. To Work and Provide

Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, **and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it**

- God made man and placed man where He wanted to be and gave him a job
 - "Dress it" - serve, till, work or service the ground
 - He was to work for his food

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.

His Role was....

3. To Protect

Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took **the man**, and put him **into the garden** of Eden to dress it **and to keep it**.

- **KEEP IT** = to hedge about i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.
- Oversees it – take care of it

His Role was....

4. To be the spiritual leader

Genesis 2:16 **And the LORD God commanded the man**, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Man has a responsibility to be the spiritual leader

- God laid out the instructions for man

His role was....

5. To Commit

Genesis 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Adam was part of Eve

- They were connected

His role was....

6. To be accountable to God

Ephesians 5:23 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.

In life, there must be leaders that are held accountable

- A nation has a president
- A company has a CEO

- An army has a general
- **A ship has a captain**
- A church has a pastor
- **A team has a coach**

Someone has to lead!

God's order:

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

- Who is the head or leader of Christ?
- Who is the head of the church?
- Who is the head of the wife?

Head of Christ is GOD?

- Jesus Christ had a role to play

Philippians 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and **became obedient** unto death, even the death of the cross.

- This is a God given order of accountability before God

How was Eve to know what God said about the tree?

Notice the order:

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Then:

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

- Adam was to teach her!

Who ate of the tree first?

Who took the blame for the fall?

1 Corinthians 15:21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

- Eve is not mentioned

What happens...

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

This was God's order of accountability

- Man is to lead his wife and his family
- Man is to answer to God for his family
- Man is to spiritually lead and protect his family
- The wife is to follow her husband as he follows God
- The wife is to stand behind her husband as he submits to God

The authority and accountability that God gave to the man was not to make him better than a woman, but to place an order of leadership and accountability to God

This does not make woman less important

This does not make woman less valuable

Proverbs 31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

This does not take away a wife's ability to have a voice in the home

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

- Before we read about a husband loving his wife, it tells us to submit to each other!

Ephesians 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Why is this so important?

- You submit to each other
- Because you were made for each other

Submitting = to obey:--be under obedience (obedient), put under, subdue unto

Ephesians 5:31 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.**

This is why it is so important that we marry someone who is saved

2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

- Don't date anyone who is not a potential mate

In the Home....

- Men are to provide, lead, teach, and protect
- Men are accountable to God for what happens

In the Church.....

- Can a woman pastor?
- Can a woman serve as a deacon?
- Can a woman lead in church?

God still keeps the same order

Why not women pastors?

1. It goes against God's order

- God created the man to lead
- This is what we were taught in Genesis

A pastor is a leader

1 Timothy 3:1 This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

What is the "office of a bishop?"

- Or, the role of a pastor?

Bishop = A guardian; a watcher; an overseer. The superintendent of the religious assembly.

Acts 20:17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and **called the elders of the church.**

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

When a woman takes on the role of a pastor, she takes on the role to lead – this goes against God’s order

A pastor gives instruction and correction

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

- To tell a fault
- To correct
- To instruct
- To teach

Paul addressed this in his letter to the church of Corinth:

1 Corinthians 14:31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. 32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. 33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. 34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. 35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

We must look at this in context!

1 Timothy 2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

- This was a correction of a woman speaking out or correcting those in leadership
- “Subjection” or in submission to the authority of the church

1 Timothy 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

Usurp = dominate oneself

A pastor is accountable to God

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

God’s Order: God – Christ - Church – Man - Woman

Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

2. It goes against God's instruction

The role of a pastor:

1 Timothy 3:1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.
2 A bishop then must be blameless, **the husband of one wife**, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; 4 **One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection** with all gravity;
5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

The pastor's description is a man

The role of a deacon:

1 Timothy 3:8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; 9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. 10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. 11 **Even so must their wives be grave**, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. 12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

- The pastor's description is a man

Question: Where is there an example of a woman preacher in the Bible?

Example that people give:

Mark 16:9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. 10 And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

There is a difference between pastoring/preaching and evangelizing

Where do you draw the line?

1 Timothy 2:12a But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man....

- Usurp = dominate oneself
- To reverse the order that God put in place

Can a woman lead? Yes

Can a woman serve? Yes

Can a woman lead in prayer? Yes

Can a woman lead ministries? Yes

Can a woman sing and worship? Yes

But....1 Timothy 2:12a But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man....