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GOD'S
Good
DESIGN

A STUDY IN BIBLICAL
MANHOOD & WOMANHOOD

God's Good Design

Creator and Created

Man's Purpose

Woman's Purpose

Man's Hurdles &
Redemption

Woman's Hurdles &
Redemption

Men's Panel

Women's Panel

Together for the Gospel

Equal, but Different

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 (NIV)



Equal, but Different

So God created human beings in his own image.

In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27 (NLT)





3 Main Areas

Submission

Success

Security

Submission

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

Ephesians 5:22-23 (NIV)



Submission in Scripture

John 14:28

God the Father

Christ the Son

1 Cor 11:3

Man

Eph 6:1-2

Woman

Children

Submission in the Church

John 14:28

Col. 1:18

Heb. 13:17

God the Father

Christ the Son

Elders

People

The Head
of the body

The Church body

Success

- What does success look like for a Christian woman?
 - Motherhood?
 - Career success?
 - Both?
 - Neither?
 - Proverbs 31?



Success

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 (NIV)



Success

Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

John 6:29 (NIV)

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8 (NIV)



Success

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)



Security (Comparison)

- Life Status
- Accomplishment
- Body Image



Life Status

- Scripture values motherhood
 - Genesis 17, Psalm 127, Psalm 113, Luke 1
- Women in scripture struggle with infertility
 - Sarah, Rachel, Elizabeth



Life Status

Children are a heritage from the Lord,
offspring a reward from him.

Psalm 127:3 (NIV)

He settles the barren woman in her home
as a happy mother of children.

Praise the Lord.

Psalm 113:9 (NIV)



Life Status

- Women are valued regardless of their life status
 - Deborah, Ruth, Phoebe, Mary Magdalene
 - 1 Corinthians 7



Accomplishment

- Similar to “Success”
- But this is comparison
- Back to Proverbs 31



Body Image

- You are fearfully and wonderfully made
- You are beautiful
- Men and women *both* place too much value on this



Body Image

Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

1 Peter 3:3 (NIV)



What Do These Have In Common?

Value

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