

# **Glorifying God – Biblical Womanhood**

## **The Beauty in God’s Design for Women**

*“Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name” (Psalm 29:2)*

INTRODUCTION: This lesson explores how God is honored when women respect their God-given gender identities and fulfill God’s purpose and design.

What is integrity?

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Integrity of the heart is a critical factor.

1 Chron. 28:9 – Serve God with a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

1 Samuel 16:7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

### A. Order of Creation

- a. Gen. 2:23
- b. 1 Cor. 11:3

### B. NATURAL DISTINCTIONS SHOULD BE RESPECTED AND MAINTAINED

- a. God teaches a distinction between the sexes through “nature” and that distinction should be honored by His people in honor of Him (Romans 1:24-28; Leviticus 18:22; Deut. 22:5; 1 Cor. 11:14-15).
- b. “The issue is not what nature says inherently, but what it says as God’s revelation of His design for male and female. God is the wise, loving, purposeful creator and designer of human life and, as such...that will make all the difference.” – John Piper

### C. MAINTAINING THE DISTINCTION THE LORD MADE THROUGH DEMEANOR AND APPEARANCE

- a. In the home (1 Pet. 3:1-7)
  - i. God is glorified when we follow His pattern regarding:
    1. Submission
    2. Adornment
- b. In the church and in society (1 Tim. 2:8-15)
  - i. God is glorified when we follow His pattern regarding:
    1. Adornment (modesty, both inwardly and outwardly)
    2. Submission (learning in silence, authority)
    3. Childbearing (faith, love, holiness, self-control)

### D. DISTINCT ROLES FOR WOMEN

- a. In the home (Eph. 5:22-26; 1 Pet. 3:1-6)

- i. What is mentioned in the first verse of each passage about wives? (Eph. 5:22 and 1 Pet. 3:1)
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- b. In the church (1 Tim. 3:1-5; 1 Cor. 14:34-35)
    - i. What role does the woman play in a man being qualified as an elder (besides him being the husband of one wife)?
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- ii. Does the wife have any influence on the husband? (see 1 Pet. 3:1b)
    - iii. True or False: The wife has equal responsibility in helping a man in preparing to be qualified to serve as an elder.
  - c. Older women to the younger women (Titus 2:3-5)
    - i. Whom do you consider to be an “older” woman?

E. VIRTUOUS WOMAN (Proverbs 31:10-31)

- a. Worth is far about rubies (priceless)
- b. Her husband trusts her
- c. She does her husband good
- d. Willingly works with her hands
- e. Gets up in the night (taking care of babies, preparing meals)
- f. Makes food for her family
- g. Conducts business and makes a profit
- h. She strengthens herself (takes care of herself: physically - exercise, mentally - relaxation, spiritually – private study and prayer)
- i. Helps those in need (visiting sick/shut in, card writing, preparing meals, delivering flowers, babysitting)
- j. Prepares clothing for her family (sewing, ironing, washing, drying, folding)
- k. Husband has a good reputation (help the husband on his path to be qualified as a deacon and elder)
- l. Makes and sells items (hard worker)
- m. Strength
- n. Honor
- o. Wisdom
- p. Kindness
- q. Watchful
- r. Not idle
- s. Children rise up and call her blessed (raises children to fear and obey God; teaches them God’s word through family Bible study and Bible class lessons; sings spiritual songs to them in the car; encourages them to help when doing something helpful for someone else)
- t. Husband praises her (helps her husband, is submissive to him, fulfils his needs, is a companion)
- u. v. 30
- v. Fears the Lord

F. RUTH

- a. 1:14; 16-17 – she was devoted to her family (mother-in-law, husband)
- b. 2:7 – hard worker (gleaned fields for grain)
- c. 3:3 – took care of herself physically
- d. 3:6 – obedient to those older
- e. 4:13 – mother

G. WOMAN – A SUITABLE HELPER (Gen. 2:18)

- a. Bears children (Gen 1:28)
- b. Provides companionship and affection (Gen. 2:18; Mal.2:14; Titus 2:4)
- c. Fulfills husband’s needs (1 Cor. 7:1-5)
- d. Maintains chastity and purity (Titus 2:5; 1 Peter 3:2; Heb. 13:4)
- e. Is Spiritually minded (1 Pet 3:1-2)
- f. Keeps the home (Titus 2:5; 1 Tim. 5:14; Prov. 31:10-31)

H. “A woman’s heart must be so hidden in God that a man has to seek Him to find her.” –  
Maya Angelou

- a. Proverbs 12:4; Proverbs 18:22

I. CONCLUSION: How is God honored when women respect their God-given gender identities and fulfil God’s purpose and design?

- a. List 5 ways:
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Is any deviation from God’s design permissible?
  - i. Deut. 28:14
  - ii. Deut. 5:32
  - iii. Rev. 22:18-19
- c. The entire purpose of our existence is to fully honor God with our lives. Young or old, women have distinct roles that must be fulfilled on a daily basis to bring God the glory He so richly deserves.
  - i. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matt. 5:16)