

God's Design for Women

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:18-25

Introduction:

- What was the first gift that God gave Adam? _____
- If both men and women understood the level of honor God wants women given: (1) F_____ would be solid; (2) Churches would be strengthened; (3) S_____ would move in a productive direction.

God designed the female to be a s_____ to the male

Gen 2:18 – *I will make a **helper** suitable for Adam*

- Historically, men forced women to be helpers by e_____ them or dominating them.
 1. God never commanded human beings to dominate other human beings. He commanded them to dominate the rest of His c_____ (Gen 1:26 – *rule over the fish, birds, cattle, creeping things, and over all the earth*).
 2. After Adam and Eve sinned, God told woman that the husband would r_____ over her (Gen 3:16)
 - a. The Hebrew word for “rule” is different than the one in Gen 1:26 which means to dominate by c_____.
 - b. The Hebrew word for “rule” in Gen 3:16 has to do with s_____ (see this word used in Gen 24:2; Jgs 8:23).
- What stewardship did God give the husband in regards to his wife? (Eph 5:23-25)
 1. Responsible h_____ship (*the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior*).
 2. Sacrificial s_____ (*husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her*).
- Historically, women have reacted to male domination by trying to dominate the male.
 1. The feminist movement began to give women e_____ rights with men but later turned into elevating females to a higher status.
 2. In today's marriages, there is often a b_____ for control.
- Signs of marriages going in a wrong direction
D_____ husband. N_____ wife

M_____ spent frivolously M_____

● Compare two men

1. A man who has an army of men supporting him, but a wife who nags, badgers, and manipulates him - a d_____ man.
2. A man who has a world of men who oppose him, but a wife who upholds, encourages, honors, and prays for him – a s_____ man.

● Never use your g_____ to exert power over another.

Understand and apply God's design – a female is designed to be a strength to the male.

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● The Hebrew word translated *suitable for* (KJV – *meet for*) means to be s_____ to.

1. No animal was suitable for Adam in the sense that none of them were l_____ Adam (Gen 2:20)
2. When Adam saw Eve for the first time, he said, *She is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh* (Gen 2:23) – she was like him and so was his com_____.

● Many have taken this God-honored position and dishonored it.

1. The female body has been m_____ to become objects of male sexual gratification.
2. Society emphasizes female beauty – beauty p_____, Women's magazines, commercials.
3. Today, female teenagers are more sexually aggressive with their bodies than any other time in American history.

● Females, start with the i_____ and let that mold your appearance (1 Pet 3:3,4)

1. View yourself as God c_____ you – the completion of man, not in competition with man.
2. Let your outward dress reflect the i_____ person God designed you to be.

● Males must see females as God's g_____ to men.

1. H_____ women.
2. Guard against l_____, which reduces women to objects and pollutes the mind.

● Married couples – view each other as your sole compliment (don't let distractions ruin that o_____)