

Genesis 1:26-31; 2:15-25; 1 Corinthians 14:33b-40; 1 Timothy 2:1-15

I. Men and Women: Made in God's Image (Genesis 1:26-31; 2:15-25)

- A. The image of God
- B. Both created in God's image
- C. Women "ontologically" equal to men

II. Men and Women: Different in general

- A. General: observed societal roles
- B. Different physically
- C. Different ways of communicating
- D. Different ways of relating to the opposite sex
- E. Different ways of thinking
- F. Different reactions to adversity

III. Men and Women: Different roles in marriage

- A. Creational and Christian (Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:5-6,9; Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 3:18-19; 1 Peter 3:6-7; 1 Timothy 5:8,14; Proverbs 31)
- B. Christian marriage is to reflect the Gospel:
- C. A few applications:

IV. Men and Women: Different ministries in the Church

- A. Church "office": ordinary and extraordinary (Ephesians 4:7-16)
- B. "Officers" are set apart for a particular task, and given the authority to carry it out
- C. Ordinary: pastor-teacher-elder and deacon (1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; Romans 16:1-2)
- D. Extraordinary: attain office through an extraordinary outpouring of the Holy Spirit
- E. BUT *most* ministry in the church is not done by the officers (Ephesians 4:11-12; Romans 15:14)
- F. Corinth and Ephesus: messed up churches (1 Corinthians 11:2-16; 14:33b-40; 1 Timothy 2:1-15):
- G. A few applications (1 Peter 3:7)

V. Jesus: submitting to God and loving toward us

- A. The drama of men and women is as old as the world.
- B. The drama of men and women is about God and the world.
- C. We as a human race have rebelled: we can never be a bride worthy of God.
- D. Biblical teaching on men and women is about seeing beyond that struggle to the grace of God in the cross of Jesus Christ.