

## Romans 12 (12-16-10)

## FREE THE WOMEN!

**TEXT: Romans 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And **be not conformed to this world:** but be ye **transformed by the renewing** of your mind, that ye may **prove** what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

We are commanded not to pattern our lives according to the blindness of this perverted world. Worldly people do not take the time to prove that their conduct or choices are acceptable to the will of God. They walk by their feelings and lusts, instead of the Holy Scriptures. The Bible warns that many believers in these last days will not endure sound doctrine, but will heap to themselves "teachers," who will placate their lusts. They will be "heady," which does not speak of being reasonable, but stubborn (like the stiff-neck of a horse):

**2 Timothy 3:1** This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

4 Traitors, **heady**, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

### Heady:

"Rash; hasty...disposed to rush forward in an enterprise without thought or deliberation; hurried on by will or passion; ungovernable."

(Webster's, 1828)

"Not easily controlled...headstrong...rash; as a *heady* horse..."

(Standard Dictionary, 1895)

**Psalms 32:9** Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, **which have no understanding:** whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

**Isaiah 32:4** The heart also of the **rash** shall **understand** knowledge...

In other words, the Bible is warning us that people in these last days (even many believers), will make decisions impulsively, upon immediate, untested, unproved impressions (i.e. "spur of the moment"). They will not take the time to *prove* all things, and will therefore be conformed to the fickle ways of this dark world. This will produce instability and undependability in their lives:

**Proverbs 21:16** The man that **wandereth** out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

**Proverbs 27:8** As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place.

**Proverbs 26:2** As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.  
3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.

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**Jude 1:12**...clouds they are without water, carried about of winds...  
13 Raging waves of the sea...wandering stars...  
16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts...

**Proverbs 7:12** Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner.)

**Proverbs 5:6**...her ways are moveable, that thou canst not know them.

Women, as the "weaker vessel," will be especially vulnerable:

**2 Timothy 3:6** For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive **silly women** laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

Satan will work extra hard as this age draws to a close. Women must therefore be protected by godly men:

**2 Timothy 3:13** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

**1 Timothy 4:1** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the **latter times** some shall depart from the faith, **giving heed to seducing spirits**, and doctrines of devils;

For this reason, it is crucial that we understand the Devil's "devices," so that we may be constantly ready to expose and spoil his intentions. What does God's Word teach us about Satan's ways?:

**Genesis 3:1** Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And **he said unto the woman**, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?  
4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:  
5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

**1 Timothy 2:12** But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.  
13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.  
14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

Did not Satan imply that Eve was missing out on some good thing? That she was being grievously confined? That her personal happiness would be found through forbidden knowledge, and breaking free from her restrictions? That the old paths that God had ordained for her were holding her back from her full potential?

Is it not reasonable to expect Satan to unleash this same deception upon *women*, in all its fullness, in these last days? Modern history reveals that the old Serpent is indeed using these same, time-tested devices upon many women to destroy them, and their families. If we will not be conformed to this world, we must realize that we are at war. We must remain vigilant, having our minds constantly renewed.

We have studied the Satanic attack upon the house-wives of the 1950's. Multitudes of women were *happily* busy as full-time wives and mothers. Satan therefore used Betty Friedan to deceive millions of women. In 1963, her book, *The Feminine Mystique* was published:

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"...[she] permanently transformed the social fabric of the United States and countries around the world...Ms. Friedan identifies, dissects and damningly indicts one of the most pervasive folk beliefs of postwar American life: **the myth** of suburban women's domestic fulfillment she came to call the feminine mystique."  
(*The New York Times*, Feb. 5, 2006)

An early review of the book explains:

"Millions of American women **stand victim** of 'the feminine mystique,' a philosophy that has **convincd them** that their only commitment is the fulfillment of a femininity found in...passivity, male domination and nurturing maternal love...unable to find their real selves, they feed emotionally on their children..."  
(*The New York Times*, April 7, 1963)

"Ms." Friedan writes:

"*For all the new women, and the new men...*I have never experienced anything as powerful, truly mystical as the forces that seemed to take me over when I was writing *The Feminine Mystique*. The book came from somewhere deep within me...Just what was this problem that had no name?...Sometimes a woman would say, 'I feel empty somehow...incomplete'...In 1960...*Time's* cover story on *The Suburban Wife*...protested: 'Having too good a time...to believe that they should be unhappy.' But the actual unhappiness of the American housewife was suddenly being reported - from the *New York Times* and *Newsweek* to *Good Housekeeping* and CBS Television ('The Trapped Housewife')...Our culture does not permit women to accept or gratify their basic need to grow and **fulfill their potentialities** as human beings..."  
(Betty Friedan, *The Feminine Mystique*, 1963)

Of course, Betty Friedan had learned this trick from Satan, who had not only implemented it in the Garden of Eden, but also in "first wave" of feminism, in the 1920's. A popular silent film in 1920 was titled, *Why Change Your Wife?* This film was a powerful attack upon that generation of women:

"Frumpy wife Beth devotes herself to bettering her husband's mind and expanding his appreciation for the finer things in life, such as classical music. When he goes shopping at a lingerie store to buy some [more alluring] clothes for her, he meets Sally, the shop girl. Rejected by his wife for a night out on the town, he takes Sally, who douses him with her perfume. When Beth smells another woman's perfume, she kicks him out and files for divorce. Beth's Aunt Kate takes her shopping to get her mind off of her broken heart. While in the dress shop, Beth overhears women gossiping about how her dull appearance led to her losing her husband. She determines to 'play their game' and gets a new 'indecent' wardrobe...The final scenes show the remarried Richard and Beth in their home. Beth dresses up in more revealing clothes and replaces the classical recording on her Victrola with a record of the fox trot..."  
(Wikipedia.com)

The following text lines from the film sums up the nature of the Satanic deception in this early film:

"They pity me, do they? Pity me because I've been fool enough to think a man wants his wife modest and decent...I dress like an old woman, do I? Well, you watch me - from now on..."

"[Her] new bathing suit is designed to prove that she doesn't dress like anybody's aunt."

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All of this was nothing more than professional propaganda, carefully designed to unleash the first wave of feminism, and the destruction of the American family. Many silly women were led to believe that cutting off their hair, and smoking cigarettes, and listening to jazz, and dressing like a Flapper [or a harlot!], would bless their marriages, and cause their husbands to go crazy about them! The clear warning was that if women continued in the ways of the former generations, they would lose their husbands to one of the "new women." Millions of women did not "continue" in the ways of godliness, but were led astray from what God intended women to be:

**1 Timothy 2:14** And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.  
15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, **if they continue** in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

The same, Satanic theme was more subtly presented in the movie *Grease* (1978):

"Sandy suddenly appears in a tight black outfit. Her hair is curled and she has a cigarette in her mouth. She looks more like Rizzo than herself, and is the center of attention at the carnival. She tells Danny that she has done it all for him, and he reciprocates, ('You're The One That I Want'). As they climb into Danny's car, it takes-off..."

(Wikipedia.com)

[As a child, I remember thinking that the new Sandy was not an improvement at all!].

As men, what lessons can we learn from all of this? There is, of course, the obvious lesson that we should not blindly trust the producers of films, books and news. These various sources of entertainment are far from neutral in the spiritual culture war. And evil communications corrupt good manners!

Women are bombarded with this propaganda from the time they are little children. From time to time, a debate even rages in the world over the extent of this propaganda:

"Advertising and media images that encourage girls to focus on looks and sexuality are harmful to their emotional and physical health, a new report by the American Psychological Association says...It included a variety of media, from television and movies to song lyrics, and looked at advertising showing body-baring doll clothes for pre-schoolers, tweens posing in suggestive ways in magazines...[But] Ann Pellegrini, an associate professor at New York University...says she is concerned about what she calls 'the panic'...'Not that I would deny there is this aggressive marketing to children, but there is a deep **moralization** around it,' she says...'...there may well be some things that look like objectification that are being experienced by girls and young women that feel **empowering**'...She says someone of an older generation might view today's teen-age fashions as too-revealing, but the teen may not see being proud of her body as objectification at all."

(*USA Today*, Feb. 20, 2007)

All of these people agree that the Biblical ideal must be eradicated. They are simply debating whether the propaganda should turn girls into harlots, or masculine lesbians! They do not all agree on the exact nature of the *new woman*, but they all agree she should not be feminine in the classic or Biblical sense.

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All of this means that it is likely that most women - even most Christian women - are insecure concerning Biblical femininity. The Bible tells women that it can "win" their husbands (1 Peter 3).

And God promises that He places a high value upon it. But Satan works hard with his propaganda in an attempt to cause women to distrust God and be "afraid with amazement" (1 Peter 3:6). In Huxley's *Brave New World* (1932), he envisioned a coming time when the word "mother" would become profanity, and mothers nursing infants would appear barbaric. He was not ignorant of the techniques and goals of the propaganda machine. How much of this has already polluted your mind as a man? Is it possible that certain aspects of true beauty and femininity actually "horrify" you?

Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that we, as men, realize the situation that we are in, in these last few days of 2010. We need our own minds renewed if we will help our families. Women are already sorely tried and tempted to believe that godly femininity (in dress, conduct, speech, and calling) will make them unattractive and unappealing. With their doubtful, insecure hearts, they need to be assured and encouraged in godliness:

**Romans 14:13** Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

It should go without saying that men who view pornography will have wives who are tempted to try and compete with the harlots for the eyes and attention of their men.

Women are very intuitive. They are often aware of the kind of girl that catches her husband's unbridled eyes. While his mouth may call for his wife to be modest, his own eyes and actions may tempt her to stumble.

I have seen women with husbands who did not renew their minds. Their husbands believed that women such Pamela Anderson, etc., are the shining examples of true beauty. Such wives often felt the need to dye their hair, and wear heavy make-up, and wear lewd attire. It is one thing to desire a wife to take care of herself, and take some reasonable time in presenting herself in true beauty, etc. (A woman can be modest, and yet not be *adorned* in modest attire.). But men must make sure that the trumpet gives a certain sound. What are we communicating to our wives? Every word and every look matters much more than we often realize.

A man must labor to *renew* his mind, so that worldly lewdness will look filthy and polluted and cheap. He must allow the Holy Spirit of God to *retrain* his likes and dislikes - not in conformity with the world - but in conformity with the Creator, and what He intended for us all. We can then grow to appreciate true beauty, without lust. And this will go far in helping our wives to grow in their own feminine adornment, without feeling that they are "not living up to their full potential of power."