

## God's Original Plan For Femininity: Serve and Support

"...But a woman who fears the Lord is worthy to be praised." (Gen. 1-2, Prov. 31:30)

1. 4 Primary Views on Gender Roles in Society Today:
  - a. Chauvinism-Men dominate, are better.
  - b. Feminism-Women are superior and/or equal to men in all things.
  - c. Egalitarianism-all people and views are equal.
  - d. Complementarianism-God has made men and women different with complementary roles and functions within the church and home.
2. "Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him'" (Gen. 2:18).
  - a. God wanted Eve to serve and support her husband.
  - b. While God has made man and woman with different roles and functions, each role and function is equally important to Him.
    - i. The word "Helper" in the Bible:
      1. Described God in:
        - a. Ps. 33:20, "Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield."
        - b. Psalm 115:9-11, "(God) is (our) help and shield."
      2. Being a helper is a position of excellence that, when being fully lived out, causes you to look a lot like your Maker.
3. "Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body" (Eph. 5:22-23).
  - a. To submit is about an attitude. It's voluntarily placing oneself under another.
  - b. This does not mean men are more important. Jesus submitted to His Father's will (Jn. 6:38, Phil. 2:5-9).
4. The only way you will live out God's plans for your lives is to make a conscious decision to daily live like He lived.
  - a. "Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised" (Prov. 31:30).
    - i. Charm
      1. Good-To find favor, receive grace.
      2. Bad-seeks the attention of men, and knows how to get what she wants from them.
    - ii. Beauty is vain, like a vapor or temporary.
    - iii. Clothe yourself in godliness.

If you have not yet placed your faith in Jesus to receive eternal life, would you be willing to do that today? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Godly living for a godly woman starts with a heart that is submissive to God and His will for her. Is your heart submitted to God and His plan for your life? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, what needs to change?  
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Married ladies, in what ways can you continue to improve in *showing* your husband you support and are submitted to him? \_\_\_\_\_