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God's Design: "Male and female He created them"

#4, "Complementarianism vs Egalitarianism II"

Genesis 1:1, 26-28

Introduction

The Creator has given us an instruction manual and not only are we ignoring it; to quote Elizabeth Elliott, "we are tampering with it"

Marriages, families, and society are in trouble and everyone has a solution but few know what the problem is

Over the last 50 years we have been convinced that maleness and femaleness is just not that important Culture is tampering with the foundation of the Bible "male and female He created them"

Husbands and wives are said to be not only equal but that their roles are interchangeable

Liberation, mutual submission and egalitarianism all sound harmless but combined they are leaving society in disarray

So marriages and families and society are in trouble and we are making some effort to "fix it" when the only way to "fix it" is to do it the way God designed it

Genesis 2:15-25

Man is to work

God made Adam a helper

God created Adam first

Meaning He is the leader

Adam was made to work

This all happened before the fall

Adam was given the boundaries or the rules

He was given the charge to name the animals
Then a negative statement, the first such
"It is not good that the man should be alone"
Adam was to lead Eve
Equal in personhood and value
But there is no doubt who the leader was to be

These issues have a tremendous impact on the
marriage, family and the local church
Ideas and words and theology matter
Roles and responsibilities matter
Culture is surely confused on these issues
But let me tell you about a young woman who was
not confused
Many of us married up, stronger and more intelligent
than we are
But that does not mean that our wives are to lead us
It just means they are competent
But it is the man that has been given responsibility
The devil is about distorting God's created order in
creation
God has established distinctions for man and woman
in creation and they have been blurred and distorted
over time from right after creation
And has continued until now with the woman leading
in the marriage, out of God created order and it will
not work
Culture is confused and when did it start
Where did this start, the first role rehearsal

Genesis 3:1-7

Mom of 3 sons, in Target

Feminist say, "Homemakers are being oppressed, they are worse off than people coming home from prison camps"

Talk of not putting yourself under a man and most women today go ballistic

Where did this come from, the reversal in Genesis God's created order

Coming to belief and faith means we learn what manhood and womanhood is all about

We learn that our bodies are not our own

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV) Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

We learn what our bodies were designed for
Owen Strachan in "The Grand Design" says, "God is no exotic gender theorist, separating anatomy from identity."

Whatever your anatomy is in fact identifies you as either "male and female He created them"

When we get saved, regenerated, born again, become followers of Jesus our eyes should be opened to God's design and we should be fully open to and seeking God's design

We should beg for the desire to do things His way
Proverbs 22:13 (NIV) The sluggard says, "There's a lion outside! I'll be killed in the public square!"

We then can see why God gave us sex

It is the gift of God for His glorification

To carry out His plan
For our enjoyment
It helps us to see our relationships with the opposite
sex as an opportunity to serve God and others in the
name of Christ doing it His way
Want to be happy in your marriage?
Do it God's way and fulfill His purposes for marriage
and sex
Christ is the head, man is the head of the home and
the wife is the unashamed helper
When we savor His design and find His design for
manhood and womanhood we will find contentment
and happiness

Complementarianism-this idea rooted in Scripture
that God created men and women as image bearers
and equal in value and personhood but that have
specific characteristics, distinct roles, responsibilities
and boundaries that are visible in creation and
redemption and are manifested in society and in the
local church for God's glory

It is the belief that the husband should be the
spiritual head of his family, and that husband and
wife will have different and complementary roles in
their marriage and that men and women have
different and complementary roles in the church and
society

WARNING: Men, if you act like and show yourself to
be a jerk to your wife you will be out of order and
will be confronted by your elders!

Next week, Roles and Distinctions in the Church!