

## Biblical Roles Of Men and Women Genesis 1-3

At the heart of mature masculinity is a sense of benevolent responsibility to lead, provide for and protect women in ways appropriate to a man's differing relationships.

At the heart of mature femininity is a freeing disposition to affirm, receive and nurture strength and leadership from worthy men in ways appropriate to a woman's differing relationships.      What's The Difference? By John Piper

- I. Adam was created to lead, protect and serve; especially his wife and children. 2:23-24
- II. Eve was created to be the “helper” in the marriage relationship. 2:18-25
- III. The big temptation in male & female relationships is to disregard God’s plan. Genesis 2:15-25, 3:1ff  

“I will let her lead because she is better at it”

“I will take charge because he will not”
- IV. Adam was still called and gifted to lead his home after his sin.
  - Accountability
  - Oversight
  - Influence

Because of our sin we have to watch the following:

- Over-emphasizing authority without an underlying relationship
- Exhibiting a critical spirit with our tone and words
- Falling into passivity and neglect
- Refusing to provide clear expectations and guidelines
- Failing to develop meaningful relationships

“Leadership should be satisfying, not terrifying, energizing not draining and freeing not stifling.”      Robert Lewis

- V. Being a Spirit-filled person is the best contribution we can give to any relationship.

Isaiah 3:1-12  
1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
Galatians 5:13-26

Two Truths:

1. When men are not mature men, women are pressed to be what they are not meant to be and struggles multiply.
2. There is no substitute to Christ-likeness in a relationship.

Questions for this week:

I. For Starters:

1. What specific roles or duties were you taught growing up that “belonged to a man” and what roles/duties belonged to a woman”? (example -washing clothes)
2. Describe what God has done in your life or home life since you became an adult that has made your life or home life better than you would have imagined.

II. Overview of Genesis 1 and 2

1. Read Genesis two out loud.
2. Why did God create Adam first? (discuss all of the possible reasons)
3. Why did God not create Adam and Eve at the same time? (discuss all of the possible reasons)
4. Why was Eve created to be a helper suitable for Adam and not vice versa? (discuss all of the possible reasons)
5. Why did Adam not take up for his wife in the Garden when she was talking with the serpent? (discuss all of the possible reasons)
6. Read Gen. 2:24-25. What does it take for a husband and wife to live in a continual pattern of unity and to be “naked” (exposed) while being unashamed? (List all the reasons that you can think of for the 3 underlines words)

III. Growing deeper

1. Review Sunday's message with someone.
2. Review the definitions of masculinity and femininity one more time by John Piper. Describe what society and your own home would look like if these characteristics were the norm?
3. Pray for one another to glorify God in our singleness or our married lives.