



“The God Ordained Role of Man & Woman”

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Texts: Genesis 1:26-28, Genesis 2:18-25, I Corinth 11:3,7-12

When we do a detailed study of God’s original creation of man and woman, we find some very profoundly interesting facts that explain why there’s so much dysfunction in society as far as how men and women operate. To a great extent both are functioning in ignorance as far as what their God Ordained Roles are supposed to be, and what they are supposed to be to each other.

Genesis 1:26-28 clearly shows they were both created in the image of God to be God like and God’s reflection of Himself. They were both created to have total dominion and rule over the earth and everything it contained.

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Man and woman both as rulers with total dominion over all the earth did well until they broke the order of God and stepped out of God’s divinely assigned will God ordained for

them. Even today in marriage relationships husbands and wives experience tremendous difficulties, turmoil, conflict, tension, unhappiness, and even misery when either or both step out of God’s divinely ordained will and the roles He assigned to each of them.

The man’s role as ordained by God is to lead and set the pace for the race of life for his wife and family. He is to be the Visionary, pace setter, and planner for those he leads.

Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Habakkuk 2:2 And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

3: For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

The woman’s role is to keep the man from being alone and to follow and help him fulfill his God ordained role and assignment as the head or leader.

Take a look at this scripturally.

Genesis 2:18 And the Lord God said, It is

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not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

21: And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22: And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Notice how sure Adam seemed in his response to who God gave him. Most men feel pretty sure when they choose a woman to marry, otherwise they don't marry her.

23: And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Notice God's clear instructions to the man concerning the wife he chooses.

24: Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Man's role is also to be the sender since he has the seed that gets released and sent into the woman whose role is to be the receiver. She then, when she conceives and gives birth gives back to him what he sent into her that she received from him.

Sometimes when a man has problems with what he's getting from his wife, may want to look at himself and examine what he has sent into her as head and leader. It's a known fact in life in general, that you'll never get anymore out of something, or someone than what you've put in them. If you've put anger, confusion, hurt, criticism, impatience, harshness, rudeness, insensitivity, and negativity into someone, it is likely that's what you may get from them.

Man's role is to be the priest and sow into his wife; love, devotion, security, the Word of God, spiritual development, nourishing or nourishment; just as Jesus does his bride, the church.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26: That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27: That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28: So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29: For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

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31: For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32: This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

33: Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Please realize that reverence means to respect, honor, regard high, and esteem high or in high regard.

Another component in the woman’s role is that of support, help, enhance, encourage, respect, submit to her husband, leader, and priest. In fact the primary reason God brought or gave the woman to the man was to provide these things to enhance his ability to fulfill his role as a man.

This can be seen clearly in Genesis 2:18.

Marriage and family is not supposed to be competition but teamwork to make the dream work through constant cooperation, collaboration, and communication with each other.

God ordained man as the head and leader and holds him responsible for the outcome of

things. This can be seen clearly when Adam and Eve disobeyed God when the woman was deceived by Satan and made a major decision on her own without her husband’s approval. When God confronted the sin and issue he did not ask Eve where she was, but Adam.

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

9: And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

Please note that God knew exactly where they were in location, but was asking where they were in regards to their walk with Him.

Please note also how quickly the man passes the blame on his wife, and she passes it on the serpent.

10: And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11: And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom

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thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13: And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

The Normal Needs of a Man and Woman

It's obvious that God has created man and woman with certain basic needs that seem to be prevalent in most. The problem seems to be that men and women both seem to fail to fulfil the original need to be in close fellowship with God and become as He is before addressing the needs involving the opposite sex. In other words, the longing, and craving, and seeking of God must be addressed and fulfilled before seeking to meet the needs with a physical person through a marital situation. Many men and women enter into marriage to get their physical and emotional needs met before ever being fulfilled and complete regarding their spiritual needs. Please see Psalms 63:1-8. The woman of God who has fulfilled her God given needs in regards to her close intimate walk with God needs the following from a Godly man who also has fulfilled his God given needs in regards to his close intimate walk with God:

1. Companionship, friendship from

someone she trust that builds her self-esteem. A woman thrives on compliments and endorsements from a man who has no hidden agenda or wrong motives.

2. A strong sense of security and stability in her physical environment. A woman does not function as well when her emotions are full of worry about survival etc.
3. Love, loyalty, and devotion. A woman needs to feel like she's not number 2 to any other woman once a man commits even verbally to her.
4. Sensitivity; a woman needs to be listened to and know that her thoughts, opinions, concerns, and desires are important, even if not addressed immediately.
5. To be respected and esteemed highly with honor. A woman does not like to be looked at as just a sex object. She needs to be appreciated for who she is. She needs a man with godly knowledge. See I Peter 3:7.
6. A strong Godly man of valor who is submitted to God and to a strong positive pastoral role model; See I Peter

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5:1-5.

The man of God who has his God given needs fulfilled as far as close intimate fellowship with God is concerned has the following needs:

1. His ego boosted from time to time and a sense of control. He is task oriented and needs to be told he's done a good job. He needs to be recognized as capable. When recognized, he usually strives harder to repeat what was recognized or more.
2. Someone he can confide in and discuss personal issues that others may see as weaknesses or faults. He needs a friend who'll listen but not judge him as less than a man if he needs to cry.
3. When he's married physical intimate affection on a regular basis. When he's deprived by his wife his ego drops along with his motivation to be a good provider.
4. A certain amount of freedom and support to try challenging things if he's a self-starter and a goal oriented person. When he accomplishes certain things fairly well his innate conqueror nature thrives on trying something more

difficult that has a certain amount of uncertainty and difficulty in it. He needs support and to know someone close to him believes he can accomplish his new challenge.

5. He needs a virtuous woman that he can trust and be very proud of as a wife and mother such as found in Proverbs 31:10-31.
6. He needs a submissive woman that also knows how to use meekness and wisdom to win him when he gets out of the word such as found in I Peter 3:1-7. He needs a holy, praying, staying woman.

Remember that whether you are a man or woman God has created you to be like Him, and to have dominion. You must make sure your needs with Him are fully satisfied before you try to meet the needs of a godly man or woman. If you are already married seek God in prayer, fasting, study, and meditation and get as close to Jesus as you can, and while doing so do everything you can to fulfil your role as described in the word of God. Please see I Timothy 4:13-16, II Timothy 2:15, II Timothy 3:15-17, Ephesians 5:21-33, I Peter 3:1-12, and I Corinthians 7:1-15.

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