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BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD - REST IN GOD'S PLAN

QUALIFICATION

“Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.” (Titus 2:3-5, ESV)

What the Bible does not say:

1. It does not say that it is a sin to work outside of the home.
2. It does not say that men and women are equal.
3. It does not say that our obedience to God is dependent upon someone else's actions.

WHY WE WERE CREATED

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.” (Genesis 2:15, ESV)

“Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” (Genesis 2:18, ESV)

Adam was created to work and keep the garden (Genesis 2:15). Eve was created for Adam alone. She was not created like any other creation (*“Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens...”* Genesis 2:19, ESV). Vs. 22 Eve was taken from Adam's rib.

Adam	Eve
To work the garden	Because it was not good for ADAM to be alone
To keep the garden	To HELP Adam

And remember this is before sin entered the garden.

Post-sin: The punishment for sin:

For Adam: *"...cursed is the ground... By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread..."* (Genesis 3:17-19, ESV)

For Eve: *"...in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."* (Genesis 3:16, ESV)

Let's examine the word 'desire.'

Desire (v) long for; crave (n) longing or craving, request. (Oxford American Dictionary, 1998)

DESIRE, v.t. To wish for the possession or enjoyment of, with a greater or less degree of earnestness; to covet. It expresses less strength of affection than longing. (Webster Dictionary, 1828)

We want to be desired and do not see it as a negative word, so how could something we consider positive and so wonderful be a punishment? What was Adam created to do? Work! We desire to be what he is, but can't! We want the authority God gave him. We are upset that we can't have it, and that he rules over us too!

This is not about what our husbands are doing. This has to be about our own personal relationship with Christ and what He requires of us. His requirement is not based on someone else's behavior.

**** For the single women****

A 40 year old man will continue to be childish if you marry him as a child. You are letting him know that his behavior is acceptable if you marry him like that. Stop trying to change people. See the signs of the times. Once a man realizes that no woman is willing to marry him based off of his behavior he will grow up.

SO WHAT ARE WE DOING TODAY?

"Do not profane your daughter by making her a prostitute, lest the land fall into prostitution and the land become full of depravity." (Leviticus 19:29, ESV)

Why in the world would such a warning have to be in the scriptures? We must examine and understand the meaning of: profane, prostitute, and depravity; in order to get a complete understanding of the text.

Profane: (v) treat (a sacred thing) with irreverence or disregard, violate or pollute (something entitled to respect). (Oxford American Dictionary, 1998)

PROFA'NE, v.t. To violate any thing sacred, or treat it with abuse, irreverence, obloquy or contempt; as, to profane the name of God; to profane the sabbath; to profane the Scriptures or the ordinances of God.

1. To pollute; to defile; to apply to temporal uses; to use as base or common. Ezek.24.
2. To violate. Mal.2.
3. To pollute; to debase. Lev.21.
4. To put to a wrong use.

(Webster Dictionary, 1828)

Prostitute: a person who willingly uses his or her talent or ability in a base and unworthy way, usually for money. (www.dictionary.com)

PROSTITUTE, v.t. [L.prostitutio; pro and statuo, to set.]

1. To offer freely to a lewd use, or to indiscriminate lewdness.

Do not prostitute thy daughter. Lev.19.

2. To give up to any vile or infamous purpose; to devote to any thing base; to sell to wickedness; as, to prostitute talents to the propagation of infidel principles, to prostitute the press to the publication of blasphemy.

3. To offer or expose upon vile terms or to unworthy persons. (Webster Dictionary, 1828)

Depravity: (n) corruption, esp. morally. (Oxford American Dictionary, 1998)

DEPRAVITY, n. 1. Corruption; a vitiated state; as the depravity of manners and morals.

2. A vitiated state of the heart; wickedness; corruption of moral principles; destitution of holiness or good principles. (Webster Dictionary, 1828)

When the Lord starts handing out warnings about following His statutes, LOOK OUT!

We will wake up with a headache. Sick. And still put on makeup and go to work! Give our jobs all our energy. Then go home and tell our husband or family that we are too tired for them. We gave everything to our employer because they pay us. That is prostitution. We need to go home to our husbands and our family and repent. Now I'm not saying go home and declare that you are quitting your job, some of us have "stuffed" ourselves out of the possibility. Single women beware! Beware of stuff!

The Feminist movement has not helped us either. Feminism: (n) advocacy of women's rights on the ground of the equality of the sexes. (Oxford American Dictionary, 1998)

But the sexes are not equal but different (apple/orange).

19th Amendment ratified in 1920, Suffrage- Gets us out of the house.

1935, Welfare- Gets the man out of the house.

With these two together what do we have? Increased divorce rate and children born out of wedlock.

The generations were cursed because of the sin of Eve! Even if Adam had decided not to eat the fruit, there was now sin in the garden. And our mothers did the same thing with the feminist movement! We were encouraged to take our talent to organize our homes, teach ALL of our children, take care of our homes, have enough energy to increase the size of our family; take all that and give it to the world for money. And now the land is corrupt. Now remember, I'm not saying it is a sin to work outside of the home. We were called to help! Proverbs 31 shows we can work outside the home. But the scriptures clearly show we are to take care of our homes. Not have it taken care of, but we are to take care of it.

We cannot have it all! No one can have it all. We teach our children this principle, by not giving them everything they want. Why would we do that if you can have it all? We are tired because we are doing

things we just were not created to do. We cannot make our jobs equal to our family, that's what balancing them means. I know we have hopes and dreams, but why did we get married if we wanted to follow our dreams? God set this up. We are to follow how He wants this done. We will only become more tired and frustrated if we continue to fight Him. And man is to leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife. If we are not there how can he cleave to us?

What the Bible does say:

1. We are to help our husbands, not lead them.
2. We are to take care of our homes.
3. We are to submit to our husbands.