



Jesus on Family, Relationships, and Possessions Pt 5: Male and Female!

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Holy Text: Matthew 19:1-6 (focus on end of verse 4)

In February of 2020, we said:

We are living in a time of great confusion. We are in the age of plummeting marriage and birth rates, rabid feminism, bold homosexuality, library drag queen story hours, men and boys playing women's sports, transgender bathrooms, and people marrying multiple people, animals, and even themselves. Our culture is in such rebellion against God and His creation order, it is inventing new ways to shake its collective fist at God.

Isaiah cried out:

- **Isaiah 5:20 (KJV)** *Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

Indeed! I wonder if at this point, the LORD looks down at us like He looked at Sodom and Gomorrah:

- **Genesis 18:20-21 (KJV)** *And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; 21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.*

The Mindset you'll need to receive today's Message

1. Believe that Scripture is Sufficient! (2 Tim 3:16-17)
2. Recognize the beauty of God's design! (Gen 2)
3. Know that the Creator's design is perfect as it is! (Gen 1:31)
4. Realize that Scripture often clashes with Culture! (John 15:18-27)
5. Embrace that God's commands are not burdensome! (1 John 5:3)
6. Rest and Rejoice in the truth that you are greatly loved by God! (1 John 3:1)
7. Understand the enemy hates God it looks to desecrate His design! (Eph 6:12)

Repetition of the Text

- **Genesis 1:27 (KJV)** *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*
- **Genesis 5:1-2 (KJV)** *This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; 2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.*

Breaking down the Text

1. In Hebrew, male is *zâkâr*; female is *neqêbâh*. Different words. The Greek for male in our Text is *arrhên*. For female it is *thêlus*. Different words again.
2. This is a simple but important point: in Scripture, all we ever see as it relates to humans, are males and females, men and women, sons and daughters!
3. In fact, good "word for word" translations (KJV, NASB, ESV, CSB, etc.) do not use the word "sex" or "gender" to refer to males and females. One of the more serious mistakes the church has made (and is making) is ceding biblical nomenclature and surrendering to the use of cultural terms. We are losing the "war of words." God is the creator of language! We must use Bible words and be more precise as we interact and witness to others.

- Biblically, the words are *men and women, male and female*. Together they are “Man” or Mankind.
 - Husband and wife are the only two options. “Partner” is a legal/law term and cooperative term, not a spiritual, scriptural one to describe marriage.
 - *Biblical marriage* is simply marriage and consists of one male and one female. All other types of unions are “vile affections” (Rom 1:26), “unseemly” (Rom 1:27), and abomination (Lev 18:22).
4. Despite the ongoing and very popular rebellion where feelings trump divine truth, males and females are different in many ways:
- **Creationally.** God, in His perfect wisdom, made two different kinds of persons.
 - **Emotionally.** Men tend to think more logically, women more emotionally. Both are needed.
 - **Physically.** Men have more muscle mass and a different skeletal structure. Women’s bodies are designed to bear and nurture children. Our reproductive organs tell the tale!
 - **Biologically.** In the nucleus of every one of our cells, DNA molecules are packaged into structures call chromosomes. Humans have 23 pairs of chromosomes. One of those pairs determine male or female. Males have one X and one Y chromosome. Females have two X chromosomes. Interestingly, females get one X from both mother and father. Males get the the X from their mother and the Y from their dads only.
5. Again, “male and female” is our LORD’s perfect design. This is ordained and appointed by God. And it is good, in fact, “very good.” (Gen 1:31) It cannot be improved upon, added to (additional “genders”) or subtracted from (male with male, female with female) without transgressing God’s Law. They are joint-heirs or “heirs together of the grace of life.” (1 Pet 3:7).
6. Male with the female (marriage) is the normative pattern for taking dominion, discipling children, building nations, and undergirding and serving the church. As we know from Scripture, single people aren’t a second class citizenry!¹ However, fruitfulness and multiplication is to occur within the secure covenant bonds of marriage.
7. God’s pattern it is absolutely beautiful. Agur, son of Jekeh, wrote:

***Proverbs 30:18-19 (KJV)** There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not: **19** The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.*

God’s word for Male and Female, Men and Women

Sadly, today we mostly live in desensitized androgyny. Other than dress (sometimes!), there is little functional difference between the way we raise boys and girls and the way men and women live. God’s Word however, says differently. The following is review.²

Males and Females live under divine order.

- **1 Corinthians 11:3 (KJV)** *But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.*

¹ See our [Single’s that Impact the Kingdom](#) message from February 2020.

² [God’s Word Concerning Men, Women, and Marriage](#), February 2020.

- **1 Timothy 2:11-15 (KJV)** *Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. 12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. 15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.*

Men are differentiated from women in their calling:

Men must be Strong

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (KJV) *Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 14 Let all your things be done with charity.*

Men fight the wars

Numbers 1:2-3 (KJV) *Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls; 3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.*

Men lead in the Home and Church:

- **1 Timothy 3:1-7 (KJV)** *This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; 4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.*
- **Titus 1:5-9 (KJV)** *For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: 6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; 8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; 9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.*

Men must Provide

1 Timothy 5:8 (KJV) *But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.*

Older Men must set an example

Titus 2:1-2 (KJV) *But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: 2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.*

Younger Men must prize humility and self-control

- **2 Timothy 2:22 (KJV)** *Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*
- **Titus 2:6 (KJV)** *Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. ("Self-controlled" ESV)*

- **1 Peter 5:5 (KJV)** Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Men should lead in prayer

- **1 Timothy 2:8 (KJV)** I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.
- **1 Corinthians 11:4 (KJV)** Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.
- **1 Corinthians 14:26-30 (KJV)** How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. **27** If any man speak in an *unknown* tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. **28** But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. **29** Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. **30** If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.

Women are differentiated from men in their calling too!

Women are to be Modest

- **1 Timothy 2:9-10 (KJV)** In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; **10** But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

Widows must be cared for and Older Women must teach the younger

- **1 Timothy 5:3-4 (KJV)** Honour widows that are widows indeed. **4** But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.
- **1 Timothy 5:9-10 (KJV)** Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man, **10** Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.
- **Titus 2:3 (KJV)** The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

Younger Women, normatively, would desire to marry and bear children

- **1 Timothy 5:14 (KJV)** I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.
- **Titus 2:4-5 (KJV)** That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, **5** To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

Women should show proper Propriety in Worship

- **1 Corinthians 11:5-6 (KJV)** But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. **6** For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.
- **1 Corinthians 14:34-37 (KJV)** Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. **35** And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a

shame for women to speak in the church. **36** What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? **37** If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

Unmarried folks have great opportunity!

- **1 Corinthians 7:1-2 (KJV)** Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. **2** Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.
- **1 Corinthians 7:8-9 (KJV)** I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. **9** But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

Order AND Heirs together: No Contradiction...just Beauty!

- **1 Peter 3:7 (KJV)** Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.
- **Galatians 3:28 (KJV)** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Answering the What If's

1. What if a person is "same-sex attracted"?
 - Scripture identifies not just participation in homosexuality, but even such desires and lusts as sin. (Romans 1; 1 Cor 6:9-10; Eph 2:3). This person will prayerfully repent and believe the Gospel, cry out the LORD for daily mercy, even unto the changing of their desires, and live their lives unto the glory of God.
2. What if my child wants to switch genders or shows opposite gender tendencies?
 - Continually preach the Gospel to them, as well as the truth of biblical sexuality. Help them build a worldview from truth not feelings. Keep them in church and pray for them.
3. What if a person is born a hermaphrodite or intersex?
 - Even in such difficult cases, either male or female genetics will normally dominate. This person will prayerfully repent and believe the Gospel, be surrounded by godly family with lots of love and support, and live their lives unto the glory of God.
4. What do I do if my biblical views bring persecution and loss?
 - Rejoice! (Matt 5:11-12) Stand firm in love and truth. Trust God for all you truly need.
5. What do we do to restore/reform biblical sexuality?
 - Preach the Gospel and make disciples of the nations. (Matt 28:18-19)
 - Pray for our nation and our world. (Dan 9; 1 Tim 2:1)
 - Teach the whole counsel of God. (Matt 28:20; Acts 20:27)
 - Stop being ashamed of what Scripture says, especially in the church. (Matt 8:38; 1 Pet 4:17)
 - Obey what Scripture says concerning biblical sexuality. (Jam 1:22)

May the LORD break our hearts for His Word and perfect design. He alone is our hope! Amen.