



The Value of a Woman

Acts 2:18 (NLT2) In *those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike— and they will prophesy.*

Galatians 3:28 (NLT2) *There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

1. There is a common **misconception** in the world that the gospel is anti-woman.
2. The list of women in the Bible includes almost **200** different ladies plus many more unnamed women.
3. True Christianity has **elevated** the status of women as being equal to men.
4. Any restrictions presented by Paul were for **function** and not arbitrarily conceived.
5. One of Paul's strongest admonitions regarding men and women begins with an exhortation to **submit** to one another in reverence to Christ. Eph 5:21
6. Understanding God's plan for men and women will bring **insight** regarding how we should live together.

1. Jesus assigned a new **value** to women

1. Jesus spoke to women in **public**. (even a Samaritan) Luke makes the most comments regarding this, Luke. 7:12,13; 8:48 (also in Mt 9:22 and Mk 5:34); 11:27,28; 13:12; 23:27-31.
 2. Jesus spoke to women with **consideration** and care.
- Luke 13:16 (ESV)** *And ought not this woman, **a daughter of Abraham** whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?"*
3. Jesus did not dismiss the responsibility of women but **confronted** their sinful behavior offering forgiveness.
 4. Some of the closest **friends** of Jesus were women.
 5. All of the synoptic gospels note that women **followed** Jesus. (highly unusual for that day)
 6. The first people Jesus chose to **appear** to after His resurrection were women.

2. The Church **validates** and appreciates women

1. Peter gives clear instruction for husbands to **honor** and treat your wife with **understanding**.
2. Paul clearly states that women have a place of **ministry** in the assembly of the saints.
3. The New Testament clearly affirms the **ministry** and function of women in the church as being **equal** with men.

The issue is not men vs women It is God being glorified as the focal point of all we do

4. The culture of the world strives to create a **battle** of the sexes and pushes men to be more effeminate and women to be more masculine.

5. Men and women are equal but different.
6. There are many attributes and qualities that transcend gender. The focus is not on comparison but completeness.

3. God's Plan for Man and Woman is far superior to any human design

1. God's plan for the relationship between men and women was unity, connection, intimacy, and companionship.
2. The devil wants to create division, loneliness, isolation, and destruction.
3. The approach of culture results in two very destructive groups.
 - a. Men who are domineering and refuse to acknowledge or compensate women based on their worth and even worse are oppressive and abusive in their treatment of women.
 - b. Women who see all men as the enemy and push for advancement solely on the basis of gender.

We all need to learn to treat others with respect, kindness, appreciation, and dignity.

1 Timothy 2:1-6 (NLT2) ¹ *I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.* ² *Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.* ³ *This is good and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.* ⁵ *For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. ⁶ He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time.*