

What God Thinks of Women

Titus 2:4-5 and selected scriptures

Introduction:

#1. God's view of Women from the _____

- Genesis 1:27- 28
- Genesis 2:18ff
- Genesis 3:1, 16 & 4:7

#2. God's view of Women since the _____

John 4:9, Luke 8:2, Luke 10:38, Luke 7:44, Luke 8:43, Matthew 27:55, Mark 13:46, John 20:14

Galatians 3:28 *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

1st - The role of a women to her _____

Ephesians 5

Ephesians 5 teaches us ...

- 1-Christ is the _____ of the church vs. 23
- 2-Jesus leads the church because He _____ & tenderly cares for His bride and gives Himself to meet her needs vs. 25-27
- 3-Christ demonstrates His total love and unselfishness by even _____ for the church vs. 25b
- 4-The church is to _____ to his loving leadership vs. 24a

How does this parallel what God wants in marriage?

- 1-The husband is the spiritual _____ of his wife vs. 23
- 2-The husband leads his wife by loving her & _____ her vs.28-29
- 3-Like Christ, the husband must be willing to ___ for his wife vs.25
- 4-The wife is to _____ to her husbands' leadership and _____ him vs. 23 & 33

Colossians 3:18 *Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.*

- 1 Peter 3:1

2nd - The role of a women to her _____ husband

3rd - The role of a women in _____

1 Corinthians 11:3 *But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.*

4th - The role of a women in _____

1-Women are not to ___ the Word over men

2 • 1 Timothy 2:9-15

2-Women are not to function as _____ / _____

1 Timothy 3:2 *An overseer ... must be ...the husband of one wife.*

5 *but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?*

3-Women can be _____ in the church

Romans 16:1 *I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; 2 that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well.*

1 Timothy 3:11, *Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.*

• 1 Corinthians 14:34-35

4-Women are to minister their _____ in the church

1 Peter 4:10-11 *As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another*

2 • 1 Corinthians 12:7 & 11
• Romans 12:4-6

5th - The role of a women concerning her _____

Titus 2:3 *Older women 4 are to encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.*

2 1 Timothy 5:14 *I want younger widows to get married, bear children, keep house, and give the enemy no occasion for reproach;*

1-To young _____ women

1. Men and women are **equal** before God, yet have different God given roles
2. Both men and women are equally **responsible** to glorify God
3. Except for the celibate, the most **fulfilling** role for a woman is wife and mother

But what if you're a celibate? There are 3 reasons for celibacy (Matt. 19:12)

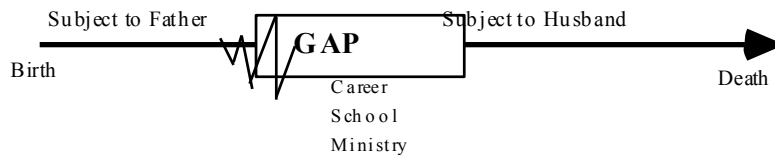
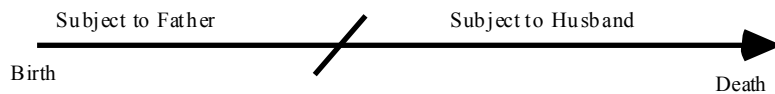
1. Congenital reasons (born a celibate physically)
2. Gestation (made a celibate physically)
3. Commitment to God (choose to be a celibate)
I Cor. 7:1-7 says Celibacy is good, tempting and a gift. It is for a few, it doesn't make one more spiritual and its purpose is for greater
4. How do you know if you're a celibate? All of below must be true
 - a. No desire for marriage or children.
 - b. No physical sexual temptation (burning) out of control.
 - c. The ability to give oneself totally and selflessly to ministry
 - d. Sovereign circumstances - there is no man.

physical sacrifice for the kingdom

4. If you're not a celibate, then a young single woman will live (in our culture) **in a state of 'tension'** until married because of **four** reasons:

4 reasons why the state of tension is tough

1st. No physical authority; in biblical times, a young woman went from subjection to a father to a husband with no period in between.



2nd. No modeling- today's single woman has had little biblical patterning.

3rd. No specific time frame - the single woman can't know when being a wife and mother will be a reality, therefore - what is she to do until marriage?

4th. The Satanic pressure - of our society *So what's the answer?*

5. Possible solutions to the 'state of tension' of the young women:

- 1st. Criticize the single men you know for not dating-Phil. 2:14
- 2nd. Give in to the pressure to pursue the world's standard of success-1 John 2:15
- 3rd. Ignore the Word and view men and women as the same-Eph. 5:22.
- 4th. Choose to believe you're a celibate (even though you're not) and pursue a direction not of God-1 Cor. 7:7.
- 5th. Serve God outwardly, but resent him inwardly because of the role of submission and the priority of home and family-Phil. 4:8
- 6th. Mix God's truth with modern day error...

What's God's solution?

6. A biblical solution to the 'state of tension' for the young single woman

1st. Do all to the glory of God - 1 Cor. 10:31. How?

Evaluate your motives for school, career and ministry

2nd. Be thankful for your God given role as a woman

- a. Honor the role of wife, mother and homemaker - Titus 2:3-5
- b. Be thankful for singleness as a time to minister unhindered - Gen. 2:24
- c. Never shelve your role as a potential wife, mother and homemaker

3rd. Be a responsible Christian with an aggressive faith

- a. Prepare for the role of a wife, mother and homemaker
- b. Learn to balance between present ministry and future ministry
- c. Learn to maintain a proper relationship to your parents
- d. Be open to develop friendships with men
- e. Develop convictions as to what a biblical relationship is
- f. Continue to develop all the qualities of young women from Titus 2:4-5
- g. Believe Psalm 84:11

No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

2-To _____ men

- 1. Never belittle a women for her desire to become a wife and mother
- 2. Young men should be preparing to be...
 - a provider;
 - a man of the Word;
 - self-controlled;
 - a servant;
 - a lover of children;
 - a leader by character;
 - a discipler
- 3. Learn how to biblically treat a women

3-To all _____ men

Questions for family and friend discussion:

Why has God's view of women fallen into reproach?

What can you do to uphold God's view of women?

Why is this understanding of a women's role so important to all true Christians?

What should single men think of women who want to be married and have children?

What changes in attitude, speech, behavior should you make on the basis of today's message?

How does understanding the role of women help us to understand the Lord better?