

# VII. FEMININE FEMALES

## 1. Let's answer the big question first

### A. What does God want from women?

1. We are born for the purpose of giving Him glory. God's glory and our good are inseparable.
  - Isaiah 43:1,7 – If you don't glorify God, your life will never be satisfying
  - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - God owns you, your body belongs to God as His possession. As one of God's prized possessions, you don't want to trash your body, or give it away without someone paying the price (life long commitment to love = sacrifice, sanctify, satisfy)
  - Romans 14:8, 2 Corinthians 5:9 - Jesus is Lord over all, has the right to regulate EVERY area of our lives = what we eat, what we drink, what we wear, who choose to spend time with – who we marry or if we marry
  - 1 Peter 2:9 – You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession – a living stone being built on the cornerstone, a faithful part of the church. A guy who is not about that won't glorify God.
  - Romans 12:2 - You belong to a different kingdom. Everything about us should reflect that home, that citizenship. You are a bride in heaven already and believe me, on that day it will be most important. You can't forget that in considering becoming a bride on earth.
  
2. We are not born for the purpose of getting and keeping a guy. That is not our God-given mission in life.
  - But that's the way we dream, think, talk – ad - "I dream of kissing in front of the Eiffel Tower."
  - Do you get upset or react when a guy doesn't call or talk with you? Do you get upset when the wrong guy tries to date you? It's because we have adopted the wrong mission. Every situation is an opportunity to glorify God – think about guys that way.
  
3. God wants women who hear and adhere to His plan for them.
  - **Complementarianism:** the view that men and women are equal in being and personhood, and complement each other via different roles in marriage and in the church. It is rooted in a literal interpretation of the creation account and the roles of men and women presented in Scripture.
  - **Egalitarianism:** the view that men and women are completely equal in all aspects without role differences.

- God created woman for man. Jesus makes it clear though, that not everyone will marry (Matthew 19:10-13) (Statistically, I'd always been taught that there are not as many men as women – this is a biblical not statistical premise).
- Complementarianism does not rule out women in the work world, the Bible's teaching is that women have God given roles in the church and home.
- Complementarianism begins with spiritual and ontological equality in personhood (Genesis 1:17, Galatians 3:23-29, 1 Peter 2:23-3:9).

**B. To state that anything is a universal biblical principle, minimally you need to ask and answer three questions.**

1. Does God say anything about the issue in pre-fall perfection? Are there any pre-fall ordinances in place that we have skewed due to the curse and the ongoing noetic effect of sin since the fall?
  - Genesis 2:15-17 – Adam was given the role of leader (and is held responsible throughout Scripture, Romans 5).
  - Genesis 2:18 – Eve was given the role of helper (both OT and NT narratives and examples reinforce this role – Sarah in Genesis 12-21 and 1 Peter 3:4-6, Deborah in Judges 4-5 and Hebrews 12:32, Joanna in Luke 8:3, Lydia in Acts 16, Phoebe and others in Romans 16)
  - Genesis 2:24-25 – The husband/wife relationship takes priority over the mother/child relationship.
2. Are there any direct Scriptural commands that reinforce these ordinances?
  - Under Mosaic law, men were commanded to be leaders of their homes and women's word did not mean anything if the man in authority over her refuted it (Numbers 1:4, Numbers 30).
  - In the New Testament (Jesus came to fulfill the law and establish a new covenant), women are commanded to edify the body of Christ (including submission to church leadership) and be submissive, respectful, and obedient to their husbands. Men are commanded to lead their homes and the church. Both are commanded to prioritize the marriage relationship above all others.
  - 1 Corinthians 14:33-34, Ephesians 4-5, Colossians 3:18, 1 Timothy 2:8-15, Titus 2:3-5, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 2:23-3:17.
3. Since we are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:16-17), how can we glorify Him by reflecting His unchanging character? God will give us principles that are in contradiction to His character. Does His character reveal anything about roles that those who desire to bear His image must reflect?
  - The Almighty Holy Father (who must by nature condemn all sin and sinners) sent the Servant Savior Son (who had obediently created mankind) to bear this condemnation Himself. The murder of the Son was the Father's p\_\_\_\_\_ to redeem mankind from the result of their sin. Jesus o\_\_\_\_\_ humbled Himself to death, and asked the Father to send the Convictor Comforter Spirit to i\_\_\_\_\_ and e\_\_\_\_\_.

redeemed sinners to overcome sin until He would obediently return to gather them and bring them to the Father as His glorious bride.

- While those who believe are awed by the astonishing love exhibited by the One True God, none can deny that there are distinct and uncrossed roles which He models.
- There is a direct command in 1 Corinthians 11:3 for husbands and wives to imitate the Father and Son in their roles (John 5:18, 8:28-29).

## 2. How does God's plan affect my life today? How does it impact choices I make?

### A. Feminine females embrace helping and submissiveness (gentle spirit).

1. Grow your skill in being helpful in the church (Romans 16:1-2).
2. Grow your skill in submissiveness by obedience to your parents (as to the Lord) (Ephesians 6:1). You will be no more submissive to a husband than you are to your father and others in authority over you. The test comes when they tell you to do something that you don't like.
3. In order to glorify God, you must also choose submissiveness to pastors (Hebrews 13:7,17), to employers (Colossians 3:22-24), and to governing authorities (Hebrews 2:13-17). Never in disobedience to God.

### B. Feminine females embrace a quiet spirit.

1. Find out what is needful for you to do in the church, and become a hard worker in making disciples according to God's plan for women (Titus 2:3-5).
2. Become wise by learning from what Proverbs 31:10-31 tells a woman who being considered as a wife.
  - Establish a foundational fear of God (Proverbs 31:10 & 30-31).
    - is good fruit and good works obvious in your life?
    - do you focus on past or present mistreatment by others, if so her fear of people is bigger than her fear of God.
    - do you focus more on outer beauty, and charm, and people pleasing more than we do on fearing God (Job 28:28).
  - Be loyal in doing good to others (Proverbs 31:11-12 & 28-29).
    - A woman who speaks negatively of those she is under the authority of does not meet this qualification. A girl who is always upset with or complains about her teachers, her father, or her bosses, does not please God through benefiting others.
    - Trustworthy
  - Work hard, get up early, learn skills, understand things, do your best in school (Proverbs 31:13-19 & 27)

-A list of hard-working verbs describe the activity of this woman, revealing that she *seeks, works, brings, rises, provides, considers, buys, plants, dresses, makes herself strong, and works to perceive*.

-Beyond the shadow of a doubt, she shows a guy that she can take care of a household well. Her hard work does not flow out of perfectionist tendencies, but rather is a character quality that evidences her fear of God (Colossians 3:23) and brings benefit to others. It's clear to anyone that this hard working woman would benefit the man who pairs himself with her. An example can be seen in Ruth, the Moabite widow, who attracted Boaz's attention when he watched her hard at work gathering food (Ruth 2:5-18).

- Be characterized by generosity and kind speech (Proverbs 31:20, 26).  
-Practice first, preaching after.
  - Be characterized by optimism and eagerness about the future (Do not be a lazy person who worries instead of planning ahead) (Proverbs 31:21, 25).  
-Speak joyfully, laugh everyday, this is the most attractive of all the levels of character quality.
  - Utilize your God-given creativity for financial gain. Figure out what you're good at and enjoy doing, and market it well (Proverbs 31:22, 24).  
-this woman's life proves that she could live under the income of her husband and be of financial assistance to him, not hinder him.
3. How do the above manifest a quiet spirit? Because you do not do them for your gain or glory (Proverbs 31:23). Your goal is to become a woman who brings respect to the man she marries, which honors God's plan and brings Him glory. It is not about you, therefore you do it quietly and without talking about it.
  4. It's not a bad idea to take this literally and speak more quietly than men, but what it's talking about is quietness in our spirit. When we aren't about our own life, we are busy doing working on those 6 levels of growth for the glory of God and possible future reputation of our husband. We won't be frustrated by desires that aren't met, we will quietly work hard at growing in fear of God and service to others (Philippians 2:1-5).

### C. Ways not being a feminine females wrecks relationships with masculine males.

1. When we have a demanding, desires-based list for a guy we'd be willing to be in relationship with, we make it hard for him to do his job. If a guy doesn't know the Bible, how could you help him do so? He doesn't have to know everything, but is he willing to find out, learn, grow? Is he teachable? Are you?
2. Don't talk incessantly. Constant flow of information about yourself and your interests is based in selfishness. Don't give away every little thing about who you are (or want him to think you are). The job of a HUSBAND is to **understand** his wife, therefore, don't drown him in your feminine floodgates while he's wondering if he wants to spend the rest of his life understanding you (loving you sacrificially, sanctifying you, and satisfying you). (1 Peter 3:7, Eph. 5:25-32).

3. Prove who you are, and watch who he is. Your job will be to submit to and respect your husband. If you are controlling how he treats you or what you do together, you'll have trouble – and pretty soon he won't want to be near you if he's any kind of leader. He'll run from the curse you are living under (Genesis 3:16). At the same time, spend your dating days watching to see if this is the guy you'd like to have make every major decision for you for the next 60 or so years.
4. Chase a guy (take away the chase, the hunt, the pursuit). Call a guy and there's no reason for him to call you. Don't pay the expenses of a date. Paying is part of the male chase/ leadership role.
5. Plan everything. Control everything. Set the tone of how your time together looks. Encourage passivity and weakness. A guy with any guts will hate being smothered and withdraw. (Mama's boys who are looking for a mother like a controlling female.)
6. Pay him with your body. Don't bar the gate. He'll come back for more and more, and eventually tire of you and find someone else. You've taken away what he's chasing for. You've degraded God's glory.