

# NOT ASHAMED OF GENDER

Genesis 1–2, Ephesians 5, 1 Timothy 2

- Men and women are equal in WORTH and value, but distinct in function and ROLE.

Genesis 1–2

**Biblical Manhood:** The glad assumption of primary SACRIFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

**Biblical Womanhood:** The glad RELATIONAL partnership alongside of and under the HEADSHIP of sacrificial men.

- In marriage, men are to love their wives SACRIFICIALLY and women are to SUBMIT to their husbands respectfully.

Ephesians 5

- In the church, men are to take primary responsibility for TEACHING and shepherding, and women serve in ENDLESS other ministries that do not assert AUTHORITY over men.

1 Timothy 2



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# FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

- Given the way our culture views gender, do you find the biblical perspective easy or difficult to talk about? Do you feel embarrassed or emboldened by the Bible's teaching? Why?
- Our culture struggles to define what a woman or a man is. What are some words you'd use to define a woman or a man biblically? What does it mean to be masculine and feminine? What Scriptures would you support this with?
- Look over Genesis 2-3. Where do we see the headship of Adam? What does the tempter's strategy for temptation of humans tell us?
- Read Ephesians 5:22-33. What is the unique call to husbands and the unique call to wives? How are each of these a struggle? What questions do you have about this? How does verse 32 encourage you?
- Read Romans 16:1-7. What are arguments people use from this passage for women pastors? How would you respond?
- Read 1 Timothy 2:11-15. How do we know that this passage is not merely cultural or situational? How would you explain this passage to an unbeliever? What roles do you think women are restricted from holding in the church? What roles do you have questions about?
- What is the value of having men lead in the church and in the home? How is this a healthy thing?

## RECOMMENDED READING

- Men and Women in the Church by Kevin DeYoung.
- God's Design for Women in an Age of Gender Confusion by Sharon James.
- Reclaiming Masculinity by Matt Fuller
- Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood by John Piper and Wayne Grudem.

## MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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