

A Study of Biblical Womanhood

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

“At the heart of mature femininity is a freeing disposition to affirm, receive, and nurture strength and leadership from worthy men in ways appropriate to a woman’s differing relationships.”

- John Piper and Wayne Grudem
Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood
(Crossway. 1991, 2006)

1. God has a Unique, Creative Design for Women

- a. God created femininity
- b. God created males incomplete (unless God has gifted with ‘singleness’)
- c. Your sexuality is no mistake

2. God has a Design for the Attitude or Demeanor of Women

- a. This disposition has been affected by sin
- b. The godly ‘freeing disposition’
 - (1.) is reverent in behavior
 - (2.) demonstrates love
 - (3.) seeks to be self-controlled and pure

3. God’s Trinitarian Relationship is the Design for Women to Imitate

- a. “TO AFFIRM” is to understand God the Father’s creative order and His strength and leadership in your life — Sarah and Abraham
- b. “TO RECEIVE” is to cooperate with the leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ in your life — Rebekah and Isaac
- c. “TO NURTURE” is to work with the sanctification process of the Holy Spirit in your life — mother of Rufus
- d. “FROM WORTHY MEN” is the evidence of God’s providence in your life — Abigail and David
- e. “IN WAYS APPROPRIATE TO A WOMAN’S DIFFERING RELATIONSHIPS” is the sphere in which God’s will is found — Deborah and Barak; Ruth and Boaz

