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