



We Possess Unrelenting Hope because of God's Design for Women

Selected Scriptures

THREE TRUTHS REGARDING BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD —

1. God has a Unique, Creative Design for Women

- a. God created femininity (Genesis 2:21-23, Mark 10:6)
- b. God created males incomplete (Genesis 2:18-20)
- 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 (Genesis 3:6)
- b. The godly 'freeing disposition'
 - (1.) is reverent in behavior (Titus 2:3)
 - (2.) demonstrates love (Titus 2:4)
 - (3.) seeks to be self-controlled and pure (Titus 2:5)

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 (Genesis 24:62-67)
- c. "TO NURTURE" is to work with the sanctification process of the Holy Spirit in your life — mother of Rufus (Romans 16:13)
- d. "FROM WORTHY MEN" is the evidence of God's providence in your life — Abigail and David (1 Samuel 25)
- e. "IN WAYS APPROPRIATE TO A WOMAN'S DIFFERING RELATIONSHIPS" is the sphere in which God's will is found — Deborah and Barak (Judges 4 - 5); Ruth and Boaz (Ruth 2 - 4, Matthew 1:5)

"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
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