



## **THE WORD ON WOMEN: ENJOYING DISTINCTION**

### **CHAPTER TWO**

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I'm Dustin :) Tara is in Tupelo with her dad. They're talking with doctors and praying through whether stints are the best option for him right now. I really love this book! I love God's Word, and I'm excited about Women's Ministry, and all that God is doing here at Hebron.

Chapter 1 God's Word alone provides the foundation for faith and life! We must start with the Word of God at the heart of everything we do because the Bible is God speaking to us. Through His Word, the Lord saves His people. \* God's Word is powerful. \* It is for everyone. Our ministries exist not simply for the purpose of helping people live well now; our ministries, like our whole lives, must aim for the end, when we'll see Jesus face-to-face.

Chapter 2 \*Genesis 1:26-27 \*Gen 2:4-25

**What do Genesis 1 and 2 tell us about who God is? (pg. 41)**

God reveals Himself as sovereign creator, loving ruler and lawgiver. He replaces chaos with order, distinction, purpose, and productivity.

**What do we learn about ourselves from Genesis 1 and 2?**

We are made in His image. Because the Creator shares his divine image with his creatures, we correspond to him and relate to him as no other creature does. Why is it right to use male pronouns and titles for God? We can only know Him as he has revealed Himself - Father, and Son (who became the man, Jesus Christ), and Spirit (who is the Spirit of the Father and the Son)

As male and female, there is a relationship of unity and differentiation of the nonidentical but equal parts of humanity. This in some way reflects the perfect unity and differentiation of the eternal persons of the triune God: one God in three persons, equal in divinity and personhood, who love and act and relate in perfect unity but are not interchangeable! Whether or not we are married - our differences, male and female, work together to create relationships of unity and complementarity.

Current trends about sexuality (removal of gender) should not surprise us! It's simple an expression of our society's turning away from the one in whose image we are made. As we forget God, we lose our identity.

## **What are the different roles that men and women are created for?**

Men, created in His image, have the responsibility of authority and leadership. Women, created in His image, were made to be a helper fit for him. The term “helper” is not an insult or excuse for exploitation. It is a term most often applied to God as he helps his people! Our experience of male/female relationships (all relationships) has been tainted by sin. For the woman and her husband, this battle will arise from their respective self-interested responses of desire and rule.

## **How was the male/female relationship different before the fall?**

There were not any of the experiences that make it hard for us to read this Genesis account and rejoice in God’s good and perfect design for men and women. Praise the Lord, He did not give up on Adam and Eve, and He has not given up on us! **2 Corinthians 5:17** The Bible tells us that none of us and none of our relationships are as God intended them to be. But the wonderful news of the gospel is that in Christ, each of us is a new creation.

## **So why should a wife submit herself to her husband?**

In God’s purposes the husband is head of the wife, as Christ is head of the church, and so as the church submits to Christ - In everything - so wives are to submit to themselves to their husbands.

## **What are different roles of women in the church? What are women NOT to do within the church?**

All over the New Testament there are women doing ministry!

## **If women are not meant to be THE authoritative teaching figures within the church, why do women need to know God’s Word? 1 Timothy 3:11**

Deaconesses or wives of deacons were to be sound in doctrine and godly and faithful in lifestyle. It is likely that their ministry involved practical care of those in the Christian community, but their qualifications suggest that their speech could either build or undermine faith and community, so it had to agree with God’s Word. Colossians 3:16 Pg. 62 WE ARE EQUIPPED FOR GOOD WORKS AND MINISTRY BY THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST, AND OUR MANDATE, WITH THEM, IS TO FILL THE EARTH WITH THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST AND PRESENT ALL PEOPLE MATURE IN HIM Ephesians 4:15-16 GROW UP IN CHRIST, WHO IS THE LOVING AND ONLY HEAD OF HIS TRUE CHURCH, AND DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BRING OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.