



What is Biblical Femininity?



Galatians 3:28

"There is neither Jew nor Gentile,
neither slave nor free, nor is
there male and female, for you
are all one in Christ Jesus."

Joint Heirs with Christ
(Gal 3:26 – 28)

Co-laborers for Christ
(Phil 4:3)



A close-up photograph of a human hand, palm up, reaching towards a bright, hazy sun in the sky. The sun is positioned at the top center, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene with a warm, golden light. The hand is in the lower foreground, with fingers slightly spread. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sky with a gradient of yellow and orange tones.

Masculinity: the power to do good.

Psalm 62:11 - One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, ¹² and that you, O Lord, are loving.

Biblical men are strong and loving, this shows through in their character and through holy and purposeful activity.

DEFINING BIBLICAL

Biblical femininity is the power to nurture life. It is birthed out of a loving response to God, and functions in harmony with biblical male leadership. When it flows in God's proper order it will cause the home, the church and the world to thrive.



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Jesus highly valued women!

Biblical femininity is responsive to Jesus

Case Study: Mary of Bethany

John 12:1-4,7-8



John 11:20,28-32



Luke 10:38-42



Biblical
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gentle, quiet,
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1 Peter 3:1 Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. 3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel-- 4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. 5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

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1 Tim 2:8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; 9 in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, 10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

Biblical femininity has a view towards the home - Helpmate (ezer kenegdo)

Proverbs 31 shows a wife as a household manager (1 Tim 5:14)

- “Her husband has full confidence in her”
- She works hard, both in and outside the home
- “She considers a field and buys it”
- “Out of her earnings she plants a vineyard”
- “She sees that her trading is profitable”
- “She extends her hands to the needy”
- “She has no fear for her household”
- “She can laugh at the days to come”

she is **IN** clothed
strength **AND** dignity
& **SHE** laughs
WITHOUT FEAR OF THE FUTURE
{PROVERBS 31:25}



1 Tim 5:14 So I advise these younger widows to marry again, have children, and **take care** of their own homes.

Oikodespotein – to manage

The high calling of motherhood

“No one can, without renouncing the world, in the most literal sense, observe my method; and there are few, if any, that would entirely devote above twenty years of the prime of life in hopes to save the souls of their children, which they think may be saved without so much ado; for that was my principal intention, however unskillfully and unsuccessfully managed.”

- – Susanna Wesley



Ordained leadership and doctrinal teaching is reserved for men.

1 Tim 2:11 Women should learn quietly and submissively. 12 I do not let women teach men or have authority over them. Let them listen quietly. 13 For God made Adam first, and afterward he made Eve. 14 And it was not Adam who was deceived by Satan. The woman was deceived, and sin was the result. 15 But women will be saved through childbearing, assuming they continue to live in faith, love, holiness, and modesty.



Key points in 1 Tim 2:11

- Women should learn – no restrictions there
 - Silence refers to teaching, not a general rule
 - Authority and teaching of doctrine is reserved for male leadership
 - This is based on the created order, not cultural or time-bound
 - Eve's deception is NOT a general statement about women being more easily deceived.
 - “Saved through childbirth” probably refers to the promise of Jesus made in Gen 3:15 being fulfilled, that Jesus would be born of a woman.
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Women of the Bible

- Miriam (prophetess and assistant to Moses)
 - Deborah (Judge)
 - Esther (queen who saved her people)
 - Huldah, Anna, Daughters of Philip (Prophetesses)
 - Phoebe (Servant of the Church)
 - Tryphena and Tryphosa, Persis (Laborers for the Lord)
 - Junia (well known among the apostles)
 - Priscilla (Teacher w/her husband)
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As God calls and the seasons of life allow, there are multitudes of ways women can serve.

- Teaching other women is mandated in (Titus 2:4-5)
- The gifted woman teacher could author study materials
- Teaching of youth and children
- Personal evangelism
- Outreach ministries (pregnancy center, homeless, sick, ...)
- Administrative functions of ministry (where would we be without April?)
- Intercessory prayer
- Giving testimony, and use of spiritual gifts in worship service
- Worship team and music ministry
- Other artistic endeavors

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