

The Biblical Role of A Woman

Romans 16:1-2 and selected scriptures

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Introduction:

FBC does not base our beliefs on culture [Romans 12:2] nor on tradition [Matthew 15:9]. We realize the source of all error is the ignorance of scripture [Matthew 22:29] and the enemies first and greatest temptation is to get us to doubt God's Word [Gen. 3:1]. We trust in God's Word alone.

#1. The Role of Women from the _____

- Genesis 1:27- 28
- Genesis 2:18ff
- Genesis 3:1, 16 & 4:7

#2. The Role of Women from the _____ on

John 4:9, Luke 8:2, Luke 10:38, Luke 7:44, Luke 8:43, Matthew 27:55, Mark 13:46, John 20:14

Galatians 3:28 *There is neither Jew nor Greek,
there is neither slave nor free man,,
there is neither male nor female;
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

1st - The role of a woman to her _____

- Ephesians 5

Ephesians 5 teaches us . . .

- 1-Christ is the _____ of the church vs. 23
- 2-Jesus leads the church because He _____ & tenderly cares for His bride and gives Himself to meet her needs vs. 25-27
- 3-Christ demonstrates His total love and unselfishness by even _____ for the church vs. 25b
- 4-The church is to _____ to His loving leadership vs. 24a

How does this parallel what God wants in marriage?

- 1-The husband is the spiritual _____ of his wife vs. 23
- 2-The husband leads his wife by loving her & _____ her vs.28-29
- 3-Like Christ, the husband must be willing to ___ for his wife vs.25
- 4-The wife is to _____ to her husband's leadership and _____ him vs. 23 & 33

Colossians 3:18 *Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.*

- 1 Peter 3:1

2nd - The role of a woman to her _____ husband

3rd - The role of a woman in _____

- 1 Corinthians 11

4th - The role of a woman in _____

- 1 - Women are not to _____ the Word over men

- 1 Timothy 2:9-15

2 - Women are not to function as _____ / _____

1 Timothy 3:2 *An overseer ... must be ...the husband of one wife...*

5(*but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?*)

3 - Women can be _____ in the church

Rom. 16:1 *I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; 2 that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well.*

Women Deacons did four things in the NT times

1. they took care of sick and poor
2. they visited Christian prisoners, provided food, clothes & letters
3. they participated in baptisms
4. they ministered to women in general in the church

1 Timothy 3:11 *Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.*

Romans 16

1st - _____ the ministry of women

2nd - _____ the ministry of women

3rd - _____ the ministry of women

5th - The role of a woman concerning her _____

Titus 2:3 *Older women ... 4 are to encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be sensible, pure, **workers at home**, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.*

1 Timothy 5:14 *I want younger widows to get married, bear children, **keep house**, and give the enemy no occasion for reproach;*

How can we know whether a wife should work outside the home?

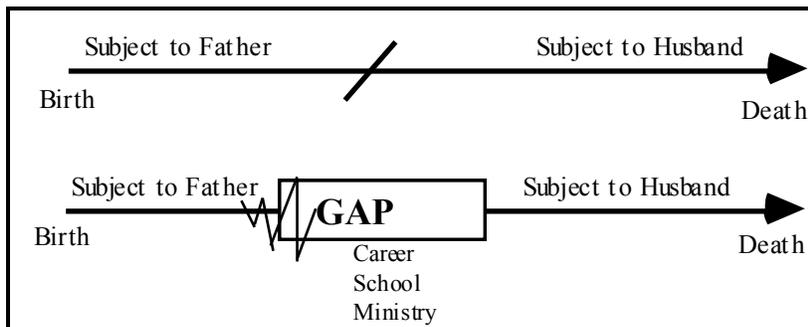
- 1-Will it take you from under the authority of your husband?
- 2-Will it take you away from the domestic obligations of home?
- 3-What is your motive?
- 4-Will you become dependent upon your income, trapping yourself?
- 5-Will it put you in a compromising position as a woman?

1 - To young _____ women

1. Men and women are **equal** before God, yet have different God-given roles
2. Both men and women are equally **responsible** to glorify God
3. Except for the celibate, the most **fulfilling** role for a woman is wife and mother
But what if you're a celibate? There are 3 reasons for celibacy (Matt. 19:12):
 - (1.) Congenital reasons (born a celibate physically)
 - (2.) Gestation (made a celibate physically)
 - (3.) Commitment to God (choose to be a celibate)
1 Cor. 7:1-7 says celibacy is good, tempting and a gift. It is for a few; it doesn't make one more spiritual and its purpose is for greater physical sacrifice for the kingdom.
 - (4.) How do you know if you're a celibate? All of the below must be true:
 - a. No desire for marriage or children.
 - b. No physical sexual temptation (burning) out of control.
 - c. The ability to give oneself totally and selflessly to ministry
 - d. Sovereign circumstances - there is no man.

4. If you're not a celibate, then a young single woman will live (in our culture) **in a state of 'tension'** until married because of **four** reasons: **4 reasons why the state of tension is tough**

1st. No physical authority; in biblical times, a young woman went from subjection to a father to a husband with no period in between.



2nd. No modeling- today's single woman has had little biblical patterning.

3rd. No specific time frame - the single woman can't know when being a wife and mother will be a reality, therefore - what is she to do until marriage?

4th. The Satanic pressure - of our society *So what's the answer?*

5. Possible solutions to the 'state of tension' of the young woman:

1st. Criticize the single men you know for not dating- Phil. 2:14

2nd. Give in to the pressure to pursue the world's standard of success- 1 John 2:15

3rd. Ignore the Word and view men and women as the same- Eph. 5:22.

4th. Choose to believe you're a celibate (even though you're not) and pursue a direction not of God- 1 Cor. 7:7.

5th. Serve God outwardly, but resent him inwardly because of the role of submission and the priority of home and family- Phil. 4:8

6th. Mix God's truth with modern-day error. **What's God's solution?**

6. A biblical solution to the 'state of tension' for the young single woman

1st. Do all to the glory of God - 1 Cor. 10:31. How?

Evaluate your motives for school, career and ministry

2nd. Be thankful for your God-given role as a woman

a. Honor the role of wife, mother and homemaker - Titus 2:3-5

b. Be thankful for singleness as a time to minister unhindered - Gen. 2:24

c. Never shelve your role as a potential wife, mother and homemaker

3rd. Be a responsible Christian with an aggressive faith

a. Prepare for the role of a wife, mother and homemaker

b. Learn to balance between present ministry and future ministry

c. Learn to maintain a proper relationship to your parents

d. Be open to develop friendships with men

e. Develop convictions as to what a biblical relationship is

f. Continue to develop all the qualities of young women from Titus 2:4-5

g. Believe Psalm 84:11

...No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

2 - To _____ men

1. Never belittle a woman for her desire to become a wife and mother

2. A young man should now be preparing to be...

a provider;

a man of the Word;

self-controlled;

a servant;

a lover of children;

a leader by character;

a discipler

3. Learn how to biblically treat a woman

3 - To all _____ men