

Number 2 Supposed To Be

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#1 The family is a 'world in miniature', where life lessons are learned!

#2 A Biblical marriage Exalts the woman and demands Leadership by the man!

#3 A Biblical marriage relationship will teach healthy lifelong values to children!

#4 Sin messes up everything!

Gen 1:27

So God created man in HIS own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created **them**.

God spoke and created a man and woman! This man and this woman were created to manifest HIS image. God did not create anything else to reflect HIS image. It is a lie from Satan himself to say anything different! Remember point #4, "Sin messes up everything!" From birth male and female are different as they were intended to be by God. These gender differences, not only physically but also emotionally, relationally, and the way we process information, are the work of God.

Everyone walking this earth recognizes these gender differences except the federal government, the politically correct self-deceivers, and their disciples. Normal people are just like Adam when God brought Eve to him, he said, "Wow, she is different!" (My paraphrase.) We see in Genesis that God did not see HIS image complete with Adam.

It was necessary to create Eve to have HIS intended image completed. **This is the reason the family is so powerful, because it reflects the full image of God.** Therefore, the differences in the male and female are “real and necessary” to reflect the full image of God as HE intended. These differences should be nurtured in the family and modeled to our children. A husband and wife understanding one another will complement one another reflecting God in the process. **Here are a couple of gender differences husbands and wives deal with every day.**

Ladies tend to be more sensitive than men. Being sensitive means they feel things that go way beyond the facts of the situation. This sensitivity permeates all their actions. Wives hear and communicate facts that are covered in a sensitive relational wrapper. Therefore, when your wife speaks there are always dual messages, one factual and one relational. **Husbands, Remember, Dual messages!**

Guys tend to be more focused on goals and facts. In communication they are looking for a goal and the facts on how to get there. Ladies, this is the reason that when you are in an argument with your husband, he will often say, “What do you want me to do?” Give me a goal give me some facts. This male quality can cause some serious relational problems.

Example:

A wife’s factual message can be, “Can we go out to dinner tonight?”

The husband has had a hard day and answers the factual message and factually says, “No!”

However, the wife's relational message wrapped around the factual message was, "Do you 'love me enough' to take me out to dinner tonight."

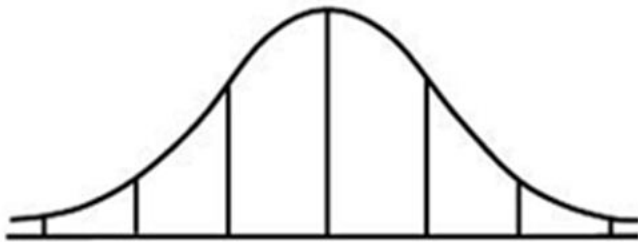
Therefore, by answering only the factual message, the husband relationally communicated, "I don't 'love you enough' to take you out to dinner."

Now we have a relationship issue. In this solution I am going to highlight point #2 **A Biblical marriage Exalts the woman and demands Leadership by the man!** Therefore, husbands instead of trying to change your wife's gender by saying, "Suck it up, say what you mean, and act like a man." The man stepping into his leadership role and exalting the woman learns to answer the unspoken but very real relational message by saying, "Yes I love you more than life itself, and would love you take you to dinner." **Since** the husband has answered the relational question, he now can address the factual question, "I have had a terrible day, would you be willing to go another night." **Since** the most important relational question was answered "Do you love me" the factual question can be factually unemotionally be discussed. Guys I really want to say "Thus saith the LORD" after this, but I will leave it to your wife to confirm this truth.

Another humorous example: Linda and I had dinner with her 90-year-old aunt and uncle. Her aunt tells me that Linda's uncle never tells her that he loves her. He then tells me that when they got married, he told her that he loved her, and if he ever changed his mind, he would tell her. Factually correct but relationally insensitive.

However, wives you too have a responsibility when trying to get your point across. You need to lay out the goal and the unemotional facts associated with the goal to be understood.

As you can imagine some husbands and wives don't perfectly line up with this, but please note the Bell curve.



Most gender differences line upon either side of the center part of this Bell curve. However, at the extreme ends of this Bell curve are husbands more sensitive and the other side are wives not very sensitive, etc., etc. **However, we need to realize that while these men and women may not be the norm, they are still male and female with gender differences.** Years ago, I did pre-marriage counselling for such a couple. John and Jane (Dave and Jill). Jane was a very focused career woman. She was very black and white about everything and not very sensitive at all. John was super sensitive. Every time you talk about puppies or babies he would tear up. Nothing I said to them seemed to fit. Everything I said concerning her, they said was more like him. Everything I said concerning him, they said was more like her. I told them that this was the only information I had, so just use it the best way they could.

One evening when they came for their regular session, they were visibly very upset. A little way into the session, I asked, "What is going on?" John looking very guilty said, "We had an argument on the way here." I asked Jane, "What happened?" She burst out crying, heaving and sobbing. Finally, she said, "I had a terrible day at work. I got blamed for something I didn't do. My boss harshly told me I let things get out of hand and was holding me accountable." She continued, "On the way here I was pouring out my heart to John." He told me, "This wasn't the time to be discussing this and that I needed to get focused because we have a counseling session with Wallace." She continues to cry, he continues to look chagrined, and I quietly shouted Hallelujah, he is a man and she is a woman. Yes, they were on the opposite ends of the Bell curve, but at the very core he was male, and she was female. The "fact" was they had a counseling session, but also "relationally" she needed him to communicate he loved her. After this session many more differences came to light. Lesson: For their marriage to survive they needed to know these deep gender differences. By the way they have a happy marriage with three grown children.

These examples don't answer everything, but they identify that there are significant gender differences between men and women. Husbands and wives need to embrace and nurture these differences to reflect God's image.

The question arises, “Can you have a dynamic relationship with God and be single.” The answer is yes. The apostle Paul was single, and he says that when you are single have more time to spend with Jesus. Being single, your time is not divided, therefore, giving you more time to fully devote yourself to Jesus.

Paul said:

1Cor.7:35

I say (stay single) for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your **“undivided devotion”** to the Lord.

Sin messes up everything, but proper teaching and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit will lead God’s people to behave like Christ which will Exalt the woman and demand Leadership by the man which will model godliness to your children.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being **“transformed”** into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.