

Sermon Handout: Church Split Week 2

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Central Church of Christ

Gender Roles: Embracing God's Design

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Main Points:

1. Both men and women are created in God's image. We are equal in worth and dignity in God's eyes. His image confers responsibility and the capacity to mirror our Creator.

2. God created men and women to be distinct and work together in harmony. The Bible presents men and women as having complementary roles. These roles are rooted in purpose, honor, and love, fostering mutual respect and love in relationships.

We can apply these biblical principles in two way specifically...

In Marriage... We are called to mutual respect and love in relationships, especially in marriage. We create a partnership with God at the center.

In the Church...Bothe men and women play significant roles in God's plan for His Kingdom, in ministry, and in the life of the Church. All of Jesus' followers are called to the mission and unity of the Church.

Bottom Line: God calls men and women to unity in diversity.

Remember: Disunity and misunderstanding between men and women can cause harm in the Church and in society, but embracing God's design leads to healthier relationships and a more unified community.

Family Discussion Questions:

1. How does understanding that both men and women are created in God's image affect how we view each other?
2. What are some ways we can practice mutual respect and love in our family relationships?
3. How can we encourage and support each other in our unique roles within the Church and community?
4. In what ways can we work towards unity in our family and church, especially when discussing difficult topics like gender roles?

Scripture References: Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 2:18-24; 1 Corinthians 11:3-16; Galatians 3:28-29; Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Timothy 2:11-15; Titus 2:3-5; 1 Peter 3:1-7

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