**Male & Female He Created Them #4: Roles**
**1 Corinthians 11:2-16**

**W**e believe in the equal value, worth, and dignity of men and women as created in God's image and hold to distinct roles for men and women in the home and the church.

**Gender Equality (review)**

- equal in value, worth, and dignity
- equal in salvation
- equal in the Spirit
- equal in mission

**Gender Roles (new)**

Key Truths from 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

- Active participation of men and women in worship
- Honoring spiritual authority (*headship*)
- Interdependence of men and women in creation
- Not following the pattern of the world

In what ways does God call men and women to different roles in marriage & ministry?

*Complementary Roles in Marriage*

Husbands:

- Loving, servant leader (Eph 5:25-26)
- Sacrifice for his wife's flourishing (Eph 5:27-30)
- Honor his wife as co-her (1 Pet 3:7)

Wives:

- Christlike submission (Eph 5:22-23)
- Respectful honor (Eph 5:33)
- Loving their husbands (Titus 2:4)

Both:

- Provide for their families (1 Tim 5:8)
- Be faithful to their spouse (Heb 13:4)
- Raise kids to follow the Lord (Eph 6:4)
- Submit to authority (Heb 13:17)

How can this be twisted?

1. Immature men can use "headship" language selfishly or abusively.
2. Immature women can reject biblical commands as culturally irrelevant.

*Complementary Roles in Church*

Men and Women Together:

- Follow Jesus (Luke 8:1-3)
- Serve in Ministry (Romans 16:1-16)
- Disciple the Next Generation (Titus 2:1-7)
- Submit to Elders (Heb 13:17)

Men Only:

- Elder Role (1 Tm 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9, 1 Peter 5:1-5)

- Authoritative Teaching (1 Tim 2:11-14, 1 Cor 14:32-36)

How do we apply these principles at Cityview?

1. Plurality of male elders
2. Male and female deacons
3. Male and female staff ministers
4. Male and female ministry leaders
5. Husband and wife roles
6. Christlike authority
7. Christlike submission

What do we NOT affirm at Cityview?

1. all women should submit to all men
2. women can't teach men
3. submission means overlooking abuse
4. women are inferior to men
5. elders are infallible
6. husbands are infallible
7. gender is irrelevant

Summary

Gender is a good gift from our good Creator. We seek to honor God's design for our gender and treat the opposite sex with dignity and respect