



MARRIAGE FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

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One: Uniqueness

Within the Trinity, we find eternally perfect unity and community filled with humility, care, intimacy, and mutual subjection. While God is one in deity, there are three distinct persons, each having equal value. The Bible says that the Godhead created man in His image (Gen.1:26-27) – not only as individual beings but having distinct genders, both masculine and feminine. Yet, from the Garden of Eden to the 21st century, men and women have continually rejected their distinctive qualities – uniquely given by God – for self-reliance and self-expression. As God's living and walking image bearers, we cannot think nor act like our culture. In contrast, we must embrace the uniqueness of our gender identity and own our marital roles, thereby bringing glory to God.

1. Read Genesis 1:26-27. What thoughts/words come to mind when you consider that you have been created in God's image? Please elaborate.
2. Discuss the value of embracing your specific and distinct gender identity. What are some obstacles or catalysts to embracing your gender identity?
3. Read Ephesians 5:21-33.
 - a. In verse 21, we are to humbly and mutually submit to everyone. What does this practically look like in your life?
 - b. In verses 22-33, the wife is to submit to her husband and he is to submit to the Lord. What does it look like to live this out in your marriage?
4. Due to Genesis 3, our default is not to humbly submit to anyone. On a piece of paper, write down 2-3 areas in which you struggle to live out submission in your marriage. Discuss one of these areas, noting how you can better honor the Lord and your spouse with a different response.