



# CHRIST & CULTURE

Week 2: God Created Them Male & Female  
Genesis 1:27

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**“We are an ever-evolving Spiritual collective waking up to beauty, truth, and goodness wherever it’s found.”**



Behold, I am sending you out as sheep  
in the midst of wolves, so be **wise as  
serpents** and **innocent as doves**.

*Matthew 10:16 ESV*



**In the beginning, God created...**

*Genesis 1:1 ESV*



# 1. Created in His Image as Male and Female

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

*Genesis 1:27 ESV*



**Therefore a man shall leave his father & his mother & hold fast to his wife, & they shall become one flesh.**

*Genesis 2:24 ESV*



Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were **bought with a price**. So glorify God in your body.

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ESV*



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If the sexed nature of the body is irrelevant to the most intimate of human interactions, then who I am is detached from my body in the most fundamental way. I become something that inhabits my body and uses it as an instrument, not something that I am...



**Whereas sex historically was sacred because it was connected to the mystery of life, its contemporary significance is as recreation and self-fulfillment. Culture has tilted us toward seeing other people as objects to be used primarily for personal satisfaction.**

*Carl R. Trueman*  
*The Deseccration of Man*



# 3. God-Given Responsibilities



# His Responsibilities

## Love

**Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,... He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church...**

*Ephesians 5:25, 28-29 ESV*



# His Responsibilities

## Lead / Provide

**But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.**

*1 Timothy 5:8 ESV*



# His Responsibilities

## Protect

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, **act like men**, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

*1 Corinthians 16:13-14 ESV*



**“Act Like Men” – Act Courageously,  
qualities befitting a man.**



# Her Responsibilities

## Help

The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was **not found a helper fit for him.**

*Genesis 2:20 ESV*



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said, I just go back for a charge against him.  
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me to release to you the king of the Jews?"

**Ezer** – a person who contributes to the  
fulfillment of a need or furtherance of an  
effort or purpose.

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Jews.



And I will ask the Father, and he will give you  
**another Helper**, to be with you forever.

*John 14:16 ESV*



# Her Responsibilities

## Respect



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Submit

**Wives, submit to your own husbands,  
as to the Lord.**

*Ephesians 5:22 ESV*



**Submit to one another out of  
reverence for Christ.**

*Ephesians 5:21 NIV*



## 4. Responsibilities Gone Wrong - *Men*

But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the **Gentiles lord it over them**, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant.

*Matthew 20:25-26 ESV*



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Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, **showing honor to the woman** as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

*1 Peter 3:7 ESV*



## 4. Responsibilities Gone Wrong - Women

It is better to live in a corner of the housetop than in a house shared with a **quarrelsome wife**.

*Proverbs 21:9 ESV*

A continual dripping on a rainy day and a **quarrelsome wife** are alike.

*Proverbs 27:15 ESV*



# 1. Stand Firm in God's Design



## 2. Teach the Next Generation Biblical Sexuality



# 3. Maintain a Heart of Compassion for all People



**You said, “we want to be a place where people can come as they are and we will walk with you on the road to Jesus.”**



**“(Will and Grace) probably did more to educate the American public on LGBT issues than almost anything anybody has ever do so far.”**

*Joe Biden*