

# Male Leadership in a Genderless World

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## Engaging the Heart

- I. In any subject of study or controversy we must follow Jesus' method as the example.
  - A. Jesus says, "Not so from the beginning".
  - B. WE need to go back before the Fall.
- II. What was the pre-Fall order?
  - A. We must understand God's design.
  - B. Question: what might it be like if the Fall did not happen?
  - C. The n we need to contrast that with the post-Fall reality.
  - D. Finally, we need to understand how Christ's redemption restores or goes beyond the pre-Fall order.
- III. We need to think through the implications for our teaching/counseling.
  - A. Matthew 22:34-40.
  - B. Upon these two commandments, everything stands or falls!

## Exposition of the Word

- I. You need to go back to the beginning, Genesis 1-3.
  - A. Genesis 1:26-31. Man is unique. He is designed in such a manner as to be different from God but also different from all creation.
  - B. Genesis 2:1-16. Man and woman are created to dance together in a unique way.
  - C. Genesis 3. They rebel, fall and are cursed in unique ways.
- II. You need to study the relationship of man and woman all through the whole of the Bible.
  - A. The older testament: summarize the data.
  - B. The newer testament: summarize the data.
  - C. Male headship in the family and the church.
  - D. Paul's reasons: 1 Corinthians 11:2-16; 14:33-38; 1 Timothy 2:8-15.
- III. You need to understand and embrace God and His created order.
  - A. Creator
  - B. Sustainer
  - C. Redeemer
  - D. Examples of extreme failures: patriarchal homeschool dictators; feminist usurpation of authority.
- IV. You need to evidence Christ-like leadership.
  - A. Philippians 2:1-11
  - B. 1 Peter 2:18-3:22
  - C. 2 Timothy 2:22ff

### **Exhortation for Life**

- I. You observe the balance in the New Testament Epistles
- II. You teaching/life need to reflect this balance.
- III. You need to model this.
  - A. Your submission to authority is key.
  - B. Live and teach:
    - 1. Romans 13:1-10, but defend the weak and helpless. Context is Rom 12: 14-21.
    - 2. 1 Peter: how to live under unjust authority.