

GENDER

Chapter 3

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Classification that “exaggerate” the differences between males and females to maintain sex inequality.

GENDER DIFFERENTIATION

- exaggerate the differences between males and females and create new ones where no natural differences exist.

SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF GENDER

transforming males & females who differ rather minimally in biological terms into groups that differ noticeably in appearance and opportunities

GENDERING

Actions of social institutions and interaction among people to maintain male advantage.

Gen. 4: 19--Lamech—first person to marry two wives.

GENDERED WORK

- Sexual division of labor
- Devaluation of women's work
- Construction of gender on the job

- Deborah led Israel in victory (Judges 4-5)

GENDER TRAITS

- Cultural traits that females and males, incorporate into their personalities.
- ***GENDER ROLES***—Attitudes and activities that a society links to each sex.

Unique Love needs of Men & Women

A Man Needs a Woman Who Will Produce:

- Trust
- Acceptance
- Appreciation
- Admiration
- Approval
- Encouragement

Men and women

A Woman Needs A Man Who Will produce:

- Caring
- Understanding
- Respect
- Devotion
- Validation
- Reassurance

ESSENCE OF WOMAN

- **Woman**—created to solve “it was not good for the man to be alone” (Gen. 2:18)
- **Woman**—one that causes the man to behave in a way that befits a man
- **Woman**—designed to bring out the best in the man

WOMAN'S DESIRE FOR THE MAN

- To hold the man accountable
- To make the man responsible
- To bring the best out of him

Woman's undying hope

- Woman--thinks redemptively
- Willing to invest in the man
- Tendency to marry a man with flaws
- Belief that she can make a man out of him
- Always the one to go the distance
- Feeling responsible for failure of marriage
- Can be trapped into abusive relationships

Essence of a Man

- Leadership role—"leader"--to bring the best in people
- Husband as a covering
- Wife to yield to leadership of the husband
- But difficult for a woman to submit to a man she does not respect
- Loss of respect leads to divorce
- Gen. 3:16/ Ephe. 5

4 things a woman want from a man

- Maturity
- Decisiveness
- Consistency
- Strength

Maturity

- Begins with acceptance of responsibility
- For thoughts, actions & responsibilities
- Willingness to change
- If a man is not responsible for what he says—it creates insecurity in the woman

Maturity

- Maturity—when a man is responsible for what he says
- Words create a reputation—and keeping them is essential
- Thoughts—quality of thinking—leads to quality of life
- Motives—responsible for his motives

Decisiveness

- Ability to make decisions quickly and confidently
- Within a framework of Godly values
- Women tend to know what they do not want
- Sometimes it is not clear what they want

Consistency

- Focused
- Purposeful
- Living out patterns without distractions

Strength

- Demonstrated by kindness and gentleness
- Self controlled
- Proverbs 19:22—kindness makes him attractive

Revealed Truth for Men

- To see the woman as seed from God
- To see woman as a God-given mechanism for getting him to be a man
- Woman—destiny and redemption of mankind
- Eve—life giving (mother of mankind)

Feminist Critique

- Head of household designation
- Domination of women
- Household chores
- Child abuse
- Perpetuation of inequality
- Private property

Feminist Critique

- Hierarchy
- Competition
- Status Quo
- Ignorance
- Rape Culture
- Toxicity

Question

What kind of family problems result from gender inequality? (In heterosexual unions).

In essence...

- Whatever you are tied to--you tend to carry the burden of