

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM
 Study Sunday 10:00 AM
 Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM
 Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM
Singing every 2nd Sunday evening
 Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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“...The LORD God said,
 ‘It is not good for the
 man to be alone. I will
 make a companion for
 him who corresponds
 to him.’”

—Genesis 2:18, NET

**Servants during February/March:**

Songleader: Larry (25), Dwight (3/3), Stanley (10), Larry (17), Dwight (24), Stanley (31)

Reading: Larry; Stanley (Mar)

Announcements: Marty; Larry (Mar)

Table: Stanley, Marty, Mike M, Larry; Mike M, Larry, Marty, Stanley (Mar)

Wednesday Lesson: Kris (28), Larry (3/6), Stanley (13), Kris (20), Larry (27)

Area Meetings: Jackson Drive,
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“Examine everything carefully...” —1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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The Women’s “Liberation” Movement

by Marshall Patton

The title of this article identifies a significant contributory cause of today’s immorality. This is true because the concept, claims, and actions of the movement itself undermines the home. Since the home is the foundation unit of society (Gen 2:18-24), a subverting of it necessarily results in a corrupted society. The home is undermined when the character, relationship, and equally significant roles of the partners therein, namely, husband and wife—male and female—are distorted. The Women’s Liberation Movement does just this.

Those who believe the Bible should remember that God is our creator, and that he ordained the home and authored the Bible. Furthermore, with infinite wisdom he designed each with a view to the very ultimate in joy, happiness, and fulfillment. The Bible, then, is the instruction book on how to attain all of this—the quest of men and women alike.

Man and woman were created

equal in the sight of God, and with Him there is no such thing as the superiority of one over the other—so far as their worth either to Him or to one another is concerned, Gen 2:23,24; Eph 5:28-31; Gal 3:28. However, he did create each with essential differences.

Contrary to the claim of the liberation movement, these differences are not produced by a difference in education, training, culture, or one’s environment. These differences are basic. Man and woman differ anatomically, biochemically, and emotionally. God created them that way. This means that each has a different capacity for service. Furthermore, this difference enables each to serve with excellence in the different roles designed for his or her fulfillment. While these different roles involve one over the other in some relationships, such does not mitigate against their equality in worth, honor, and fulfillment in life. Each serves in his

respective role with honor and distinction and is a complement to the other. “Women’s Lib” makes competitors of the two.

Woman was created to be man’s complement, Gen 2:18; 1 Cor 11:9. It takes woman to fill this role—there is no substitute! It takes woman in all of her glory to fill it. However, when done, there is no other role, however respected among men, that brings her greater fulfillment. For further reference on the basis differences cited above, I suggest Dr. James Dobson’s book, *What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women*. He is a licensed psychologist in the State of California, associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Southern California School of Medicine, and Director of Behavioral Research in the Division of Child Development, Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles. Here is a quote from the book: “In truth, they are unique in every cell of their bodies, for men carry a different chromosomal pattern than women. There is also considerable evidence to indicate that the hypothalamic region, located just above the pituitary gland in the mid-brain, is ‘wired’ very uniquely for each of the sexes. Thus, the hypothalamus (known as the seat of the emotions) provides women with a different psychological frame of reference than that of man. Further, female sexual desire tends to be somewhat cyclical correlated with the menstrual calendar, whereas males are acyclical. These and other features account for the undeniable fact that masculine and feminine expressions of sexuality are far from identical. Failure to understand this uniqueness can produce a

continual source of marital frustration and guilt. ...Dr. Katherina Dalton, in *The Premenstrual Syndrome* (Springfield, Ill., 1964) summarizes many studies of behavior change that show a large portion of women’s crimes (63% in an English study, 84% in a French) are not distributed evenly over time, but clustered in the premenstrual period along with suicides, accidents, a decline in the quality of school work, decline in intelligence test scores, visual acuity, and response speed. In the United States, she calculated that absenteeism related to menstruation costs about five billion dollars a year, but accidents, absenteeism, and domestic quarrels are only part of the social repercussions of symptoms that affect everyone. A book might be filled with discussion of other biological differences between the sexes, that are of great importance in one way or another, in everyday life,” (pp 114,131,132).

These biological and other differences account for God’s assigning them different roles in life. Hence, women are not to serve as elders and evangelists—they are not to be teachers of God’s word so as to exercise authority over man, 1 Tim 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-11; 2:15; 1 Tim 2:12; 1 Cor 14:34,35. Man has been ordained to the position of headship in the home, Eph 5:22-33; Col 3:18-21. While they are not equal in all of life’s relationships, they are equal in God’s sight so far as their worth to God and to each other is concerned. Furthermore, each finds his greatest possible fulfillment in life as he serves in his respective role. It is not commensurate with woman’s nature to serve best in fighting battles, commanding armies,

controlling kingdoms, or in making laws. Her best is not to be found in braving the way and bearing the responsibilities of leadership. Man is best suited for this role. Woman’s throne of glory is in the home.

Unfortunately, The Women’s Liberation Movement equates this position with serfdom and talks loud about boredom and how unfulfilling such a role is. True, such involves doing the laundry, washing dishes, cleaning house, nursing babies, tending children, planning menus, shopping wisely, etc. Properly viewed, however these are important responsibilities and are very rewarding. She shares equally with her husband (though doing different things) in providing a home atmosphere that is a haven of rest. Likewise, she shares equally in the growth and development of the children. Furthermore, she thereby becomes the object of the deepest respect among men, the recipient of the tenderest love known from all other members of the family. The deep satisfaction and gratifying results of such a role is clearly pictured in Proverbs 31:10-31.

Man’s role, too, may be viewed as routine, boring, and frustrating. He faces competition from nearly every viewpoint—among fellow workers, sales, contracts, and merchandise. He must pay “the butcher, the baker, and the candlestick maker”—bills, bills, and more bills. He must deal with and try to

solve the problems of his company, listen to complaints of employees, supervisors, et al. But, again, when properly viewed, such a role is rewarding. When self is forgotten in service to others satisfaction fills the soul. Honor, esteem, and distinction become his crown. He is the recipient of appreciation from among his associates, and of the greatest possible measure of love from those who know him best. When both man and woman fill their God-ordained roles, they find bliss and fulfillment for both time and eternity.

This does not mean that there is no place, time, or circumstance that would justify a woman serving in public life. The pressure of circumstances, even tragedies, sometimes necessitate it. Furthermore, in our modern society there are some positions in public life that can best be filled by woman. This, however, is a far cry from opening the doors of every relationship in public life to men and women alike. Such is subversive of divine wisdom. When mothers forsake their God ordained role for that of the man, the consequent evils are manifold. The marital relationship is frustrated, children suffer psychologically, juvenile delinquents increase, and the problem of immorality is multiplied many times over. God’s way is the only way for true happiness now and forever.

—via *Searching the Scriptures*, 7/76 

Remember in Prayer

Joyce had cataract surgery, and still deals with brain cancer. Continue to remember others with chronic

illnesses as well, including **Mike B;** **Carolyn;** **Kathy Mitchell;** and **John, Sylvia and Paige Pollard.** 