

Marriage Equality & Leadership

Exod 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you."

Covenant Metaphors — Parenting & Marriage

- As image-bearers, imitate God our Father

Eph 5:1–2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

- General, mutual submission between Christians

Eph 5:21 ..., submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

- Relationship between husbands & wives

Eph 5:22-33 Wives, submit to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...

Christian Perspectives on Male-Female Relationships

Feminist

Egalitarian

Complementarian

Patriarchy



Men & Women: Equal in Human Value & Dignity

- Both Male and Female were created with dignity (Gen 1:27)

- The animosity of the sexes (Gen 3:9-12, 16)

Different Roles In Marriage

- Council of Biblical Manhood and Womanhood issued the “Danvers Statement” in 1987
- Southern Baptist Convention — Baptist Faith and Message
- EFCA “Affirmations and Denials”

“We are not egalitarian in our understanding of the roles and functions of men and women in the church, but we do believe that the gifts and ministries of women are essential to the health and fruitfulness of churches and ought to be sought out and multiplied in ways that arise from and are consistent with our complementarian convictions, as reflected in our EFCA ordination policy.”

- Christians for Biblical Equality issued “Men, Women, and Biblical Equality”

Male Headship *Before* the Fall

1. The order: Adam was created _____, then Eve
2. The representation: Adam, not Eve, was the _____ head of all mankind
3. The naming of woman: Adam named the _____ and then he named the _____

4. The Naming of the Human Race: Our species is named “_____”

5. The Primary Accountability: In _____, God spoke to Adam, not Eve

6. The Purpose: God created Eve to be a _____

7. The Conflict: The curse distorted _____ _____ roles

8. The Restoration: Redemption in Christ _____ the conflict of the curse

9. The Mystery Revealed: The relationship between _____ and the _____