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Title: What is a Woman?

Text: *“Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.”* (Proverbs 31:30-31)

Target: Gender is a biological reality determined by God in the creation of each and every human.

I. Clarity of Womanhood: Adult Female Human.

A. Defined by Science:

1. **Genotype:** Genetic Material, XX (Female) & XY (Male) Chromosomes = 43 Total. *23rd Chromosome. *Immutable characteristic
2. **Phenotype:** Smaller stature, different body composition, hormonal differences - higher levels of estrogen and progesterone, reproductive organs, bone density, and strength.

B. Defined by Scripture: *“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.”*
(2 Timothy 3:16)

1. **God Designs Gender/Sex:** Divinely Ordained by God (Genesis 1:27)
2. **Complementarian Reality:** Completion of opposite Gender through Role and Responsibility.
 - a) Gender Specific: God’s purpose for you is in alignment by the gender God made you.
 - b) Gift Specific: The expression of your talents was given by God within the context of gender.

C. REdefined by Society: Considered ever changing and to be shaped by individual experiences, personal choices, and cultural evolution. (Birthing person, menstruating person, chest feeding, pregnant people)

II. Challenges of Transgenderism: Gender is no longer determined by biology. Gender is determined by feelings, desires, inclinations, and what feels natural.

- A. Gender Identity:** biological sex does not determine gender for they are mutually exclusive, not the same.
- B. Gender Fluidity:** a form of expression within a multitude of gender identities.
- C. Gender Dysphoria:** sense of internal self not matching external self.
- D. Gender Therapy:** explore gender identity and expression to achieve comfort within themselves, manage mental health, and work towards self-fulfillment

III. Criticism towards Feminism: The Silence is Deafening.

- A. Women’s Rights:** To Vote, Equal Employment, Education equality, Maternity Leave, Body Positivity, Domestic Violence Support, #Metoo, Sexism.
- B. Girls/Women’s Sports:** Title IV: Civil Rights Act of 1964. Increased opportunities for female athletes by addressing disparities in resources and opportunities between men’s and women’s sports.

IV. **Convictional Kindness in Progressivism:** *“but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,”* (1 Peter 3:15)

A. **Exalt Christ:** *“honor Christ the Lord as Holy”*

1. Equality of Women: *“there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus”.* (Galatians 3:28)
2. Elevation of Women: 1st eyewitnesses of the resurrection.

B. **Embrace Truth:** *“always being prepared to make a defense”*

1. Absolute Truth-Determined by God and accountable unto humanity.
2. Relativism-Subjective interpretation of Reality.

C. **Exemplify Hope:** *“hope that is in you”*

1. Transgender people are image bearers of God too!
2. Jesus loves and died for the LGBTQIA community also!

D. **Extend Grace:** *“gentleness and respect”*

1. People are hurting
2. Families are grieving

Takeaway: *“Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman, for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. **And ALL things are from GOD.**”* (1 Cor. 11:11-12)