

You Are More Than...
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1. Seeing Yourself Through the Eyes of Religion

Luke 13:10-17 ESV

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, **“Woman, you are freed from your disability.”** ¹³ And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. ¹⁴ But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ Then the Lord answered him, **“You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?”** ¹⁷ As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

‘Disable’ v.

1. To make unable or unfit; weaken or destroy the capability of; incapacitate
2. To make legally incapable; disqualify

“You are the Devil's gateway...”

—Tertullian, to women

“Woman does not possess the image of God in herself but only when taken together with the male who is her head, so that the whole substance is one image. But when she is assigned the role as helpmate, a function that pertains to her alone, then she is not the image of God. But as far as the man is concerned, he is by himself alone the image of God just as fully and completely as when he and the woman are joined together into one.”

—Saint Augustine, Bishop of Hippo Regius (354-430)

“For as the sun is more glorious than the moon, though the moon is a most glorious body, so woman, though she was a most beautiful work of God, yet she did not equal the glory of the male creature.”

- *Martin Luther, Commentary on Genesis, 16th Century*

“God has made Christianity to have a masculine feel. He has ordained for the church a masculine ministry.”

- *John Piper Modern Day Theologian*

2. Seeing Yourself Through the Eyes of the World

Many times body image is confused with self-esteem.

Self-Esteem: how you think and feel about yourself as a total package.

Approximately 80% of women don't like how they look.

34% of men are dissatisfied with their body.

Over 50% aren't happy with their current weight.

70% of normal weighted women want to be thinner.

Body image is a big problem in our society, and can lead to depression, social anxiety and eating disorders.

Over 80% of 10 year olds are afraid of being fat!!

53% of 13 year-old American girls are unhappy with their bodies.

This number grows to 78% by the time girls reach 17.

By middle school 40-70% of girls are dissatisfied with 2 or more parts of their body

Role of Media:

Of elementary school girls who read magazines, 69% said that the pictures influence their concept of the ideal body shape, 47% say the pictures make them want to lose weight.

The average woman is 5'4" tall and weighs 144lbs, the average model is 5'10" and weighs 110lbs.

Over 80% of teens and children watch TV daily, 3 hours on average.

On a typical day children ages 8-18 are engaged with some form of media for 7.5 hrs.

3. Seeing Yourself Through The Eyes of Jesus

Come to the Front Row!

Religion wants you sidelined or relegated to the back.
Adam was not given dominion until Eve arrived!

Timeless Examples of Women in Lead Roles

Miriam a prophet and a worship leader Exodus 15:20

Deborah a prophet, commander and a judge Judges 4:4,5

Phoebe a deacon Romans 16:1

Priscilla and Aquila Romans 16:3 (Priscilla mentioned first denoting leadership)

Junia a noteworthy apostle Romans 16:7

Philips 4 daughters who prophesied Acts 21:9

Acts 2:17 ESV

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

Gal 3:28 NKJV

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 3:7 NKJV

Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.