

Gender: What does the  
Bible say?

Don't ignore real people, made in God's image with real struggles.

Parents: Your kids need to learn about gender from you.

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- 2) Speaking the truth *in love* means that we treat people as "Image Bearers" of God.

Truth from God's Word:

*Your body bears the “Image of God.”*

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Genesis 1:27

**So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.**



**Matthew 19:4, “Haven’t you read,” he replied,  
“that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them  
male and female,’ . . .”**

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*Every human being “looks like” God*

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Genesis 2: 21-22

**21** So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. **22** Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

(1 Cor. 6)

**19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.**

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Deuteronomy 22:5

**5 A woman must not wear men’s clothing, nor a man wear women’s clothing, for the LORD your God detests anyone who does this.**



**13 Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? 14 Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, 15 but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering. 16 If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other practice—nor do the churches of God.**

**(1 Cor. 11)**

***Some relationships are “unnatural.”***

(Go against the order of Creation)

Romans 1: 26-27.

What is gender? That Depends on who  
you ask.

Google's top answer:

*“The male sex or the female sex, especially when considered with reference to social and cultural differences rather than biological ones, or one of a range of other identities that do not correspond to established ideas of male and female.”*

5 truths:

1) You were NOT created to be whomever you want to be.

(James 4: 13-17, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

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2) It's okay to be a boy who doesn't like football. It's okay to be a girl who likes to hunt and fish.

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3) True Happiness (and peace and fulfillment) never comes from fulfilling your desires.

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1 John 3:1, “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are.”

5 truths:

5) It's okay to wonder and ask questions. It's okay to have feelings that you are not sure about, no matter what they are.

If gender identity is something with which you struggle:

Ask your parents.

Ask somebody who loves Jesus and believes that the Bible is Truth.

Believe Truth. Live Truth.

Everybody:

Speak truth in love. There are “Image Bearers” who desperately need for us to do both.