

What does it mean to be a man and a woman?

1. Introduction

2. Similarity & Difference

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:28

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Genesis 2:18

- Gender differences?
- God's commands

3. Application

3.1 Dangers to avoid

- Blurring of gender
- Opposing of gender
- Demeaning of gender

3.2 Positives to embrace

- Embodying equality

Perhaps it is no wonder that the women were first at the Cradle and last at the Cross. They had never known a man like this Man – there never has been such another. A prophet and teacher who never nagged at them, never flattered or coaxed or patronised; who never made jokes about them, never treated them either as "The women, God help us!" or "The ladies, God bless them!"; who rebuked without complaining and praised without condescension; who took their questions and arguments seriously; who never mapped out their sphere for them, never urged them to be feminine or jeered at them for being female; who had no axe to grind and no uneasy male dignity to defend; who took them as he found them and was completely unselfconscious. There is no act, no sermon, no parable in the whole Gospel that borrows its punch from female perversity; nobody could possibly guess from the words and deeds of Jesus that there was anything "funny" about woman's nature. Dorothy Sayers

- Honouring our differences

- Focus on godliness rather than gender