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We return in this lesson to our study of Satan's lies and God's truths. When Satan's lies are applied to God's truth in the basics of our faith, it results in double-mindedness that seems to plague us as Christians. James called it spiritual adultery, friendship with the world, and believing the world's lies. He said to believe them is to be the enemy of God. It is the absence of a pure heart.

We have been examining Satan's cunning attacks on the home. We have found that, as always, he is trying to destroy it at every turn. He has attacked the holiness of the physical relationship between man and woman as never before. Thus, Satan is attacking the spiritual truth that a relationship of commitment to Jesus Christ is the only access to fellowship with God. Satan has attacked the permanence of marriage by cheapening divorce as an acceptable alternative and thus defying the spiritual principle of the eternal security of the believer. He has also been attacking the home as the center of society. He has done this by taking the husband from the home through divorce, taking the wife from the home into the marketplace, and taking the children from the home sometimes into godless, state-controlled daycare centers or schools whose design is to build a humanistic philosophy into their lives from the very beginning. Even now, Satan is promoting the rights of children, further undermining the authority of the parent as never before in history.

Why such a blatant attack on the home?

1- As we learned in the last lesson, it is because the home represents God's basic training camp where godly parents are to teach their children when they rise up, when they go to sleep, and as they walk by the way. Parents are to teach them the Word of God. It is to be on the doorposts of their house and on the gates as frontlets between their eyes.

2- The attack is so blatant, because the home reflects God's picture book of the most dominant spiritual expression of Himself.

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God as Father. If Satan can destroy that image by removing the father from the home, he has won another major victory. He has another strategy as well. This is where we begin this lesson. This strategy is to destroy or reverse the scriptural roles of men and women. If the world can be made to believe there is no difference, between men and women, that there is no design, that there is no purpose, that there are no distinctives, that there is no authority in the male-female relationship, then he is able to tear down the last stronghold of the family as we know it. It is the last visible portrait of the God-head and God's relationship to man.

This may not be the most popular lesson, but strangely enough, those of you who are expecting to be offended may be the least offended. The questions are relevant ones.

- 1- What about ERA, the Equal Rights Amendment, is it of God?
- 2- Are women inferior?
- 3- Does God have a plan to liberate women?
- 4- Are women spiritually weaker than men?

The answers are: no, no, yes, no. Now if you can remember the questions, you have a start. The issues are really more complex than the questions, and we need to see it in the light of God's overall perspective first.

I believe the whole key to understanding the course of women's rights in history is to see Satan's pendulum of satanic extremes and what has resulted. Prior to the time of Christ, women had become, in general, possessions or objects to be used, sold, acquired or discarded at the drop of a hat. One example is of one devout, Jewish man who went to pray each morning. He would pray, "Oh, God, I thank You that I am not a Gentile, that I am not a slave and that I am not a woman." According to Jewish law, a woman had no legal rights. A man could discard his wife if she put too much salt in his food, if she went out with her head uncovered, or if she spoke disrespectfully of her in-laws. She was not his equal.

In the Greek world, it was no better. Women took no part in public life. They never appeared at meals or social occasions. The wife had her own apartment, and no one but her own husband was allowed to enter. As one Greek writer put it, the purpose was that she might "see as little as possible, hear as little as possible

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and ask as little as possible." The Greek expected his wife to run his home, care for his children, and leave him alone. She was not his equal.

In Rome, it was even worse. Women were bought and sold, married and divorced as a perishable commodity. Definitely, not equal. This was wrong. Before Jesus came onto the scene, what existed was EMO, Extreme Male Oppression. It was distinction without equality and authority without equality. Wrong.

Then, the Lord Jesus Christ came onto the scene and died on Calvary. Jesus Christ, then, liberated women. He came to bring equality in its total, purest form. But, as the years have progressed, there has been a battle waging between the church being affected by society. The pendulum has swung in one direction, then, society affected by the church has served to be a restraining force to bring it back the other way. But now, momentum has been gained, and we now have ERA. What we have today is really equality without distinctive, equality without authority and the emergence of role reversal. Rather than male oppression, we have male confusion or mass confusion.

1- What about ERA, the Equal Rights Amendment, is it of God?

It is into this atmosphere of male oppression that God sent His Son, Jesus Christ. Part of His redemptive work was to elevate the role of women to the exclusive place designed in eternity past for her. It was to be a role of total equality. In Christ, there was to be neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female. The barriers of inequity were to be abolished at Calvary. Never again should women by God's standards be placed in a position of being spiritually inferior creatures. They were to be children of God, equal. At Calvary, the real Equal Rights Amendment was passed once and for all.

God's Equal Rights Amendment works like this. God governs by means of a theocracy. The Equal Rights Amendment was ratified at Calvary. The Father represents the Executive Branch of the government. He is responsible for plan and design. The Spirit represents the Legislative Branch. He is responsible for execution and detail. The Son represents the Judicial Branch. He is responsible for judgment and deliverance. Father, Son and Spirit are totally in harmony, totally agreed and ratified. This is the perfect design for the home in terms of government. The husband plans and designs. The wife executes and gives attention

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to detail. God, the unseen guest, is responsible for judgment and deliverance. This is God's plan.

Equality is the cornerstone of Calvary. God is no respecter of persons. God never planned women to be relegated again to anything less than perfect, total, equality. On the cross, He settled the issue once and for all.

Then, what is the problem? Why not support ERA? The problem is that God's total picture is bigger. It has three parts. For simplicity, we will call it EDA. It is equality by divine decree, recognizing diversity by divine design, implemented under authority by divine dynamic. The EDA stands for Equality, Diversity, Authority, totally in balance and totally in harmony, and it leads to a Ph.D. in human relations—Power, Harmony and Direction under God's control.

Equality, what is it? Equality is the absence of any classification in the heart of God that would separate men from women. It is relative to value, potential or importance in the kingdom of God. In other words, in the heart of God, men and women are totally, completely equal. There is no difference. So in essence, men and women are perfectly equal.

However, equality does not destroy diversity. In at least four areas, men and women are different. Diversity defined is the presence of divine distinctives in appearance, in function, in personality and in strength to perfectly allow man and woman to portray and fulfill their God-appointed roles. Their difference does not degrade their equality. It enhances it, for mankind is not whole unless both parts be together. But they are different. As in the beginning, God created mankind, male and female, created He them. Let's face it, men and women are different in these four areas- appearance, function, personality and strength.

1- It doesn't take a real genius to admit that men and women are made differently. God's basic plan of construction came from a different blueprint. For several reasons, God abhors the concept of the unisex look. In other words, God designed appearance, male and female to be different. Two illustrations are in Deuteronomy 22:5,

A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the Lord your God.

(Deuteronomy 22:5 NKJV)

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Why? Because it violates the distinctive of God's creation.

Hair for men and women is different.

Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him?

But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given to her for a covering. (I Corinthians 11:14,15 NKJV)

Fortunately, we are not going to get into that passage, life is too short. The only purpose for reading it is for you to recognize God did intend for there to be a divine difference. There is a reason for the difference. It doesn't make a woman equal to man if she dresses like a man and cuts her hair like a man. She is already equal. It makes her a fool to try, and she is being disobedient to God.

The unisex look is the touchstone of the homosexual movement, and it is an integral part of the women's right movement. "We can wear what they wear," they say, "and look like they look." In some cases, men are doing the same thing. Why? It is a quest for equality by rebelling against God's divine distinctive. Women were designed to be feminine in dress and feminine in hairstyle. Men were designed to be masculine in dress and masculine in hair style. That is not to say that you cannot adjust to the style, just so long as the styles do not blur the distinctives.

2- The second difference is functional. I hate to tell you this guys, but no matter what society does to blur the distinctive, chances are, you are not going to have the next baby. Equal, but different. The reason is that women bringing children into the world were designed by God to portray the spiritual truth of the new birth. Christ must plant the seed, we can't. We carry the seed and see life develop, but we cannot implement it or begin the process. This is the reason for it. It must always be that way.

There is a difference nationally as we read in Deuteronomy 3 and Joshua 1 that the men were to press on, armed and ready to take over the enemy. The women and children were to remain behind in place, for a purpose, for a reason, not weaker, but different, for a different function. The reason was that it was a portrait of spiritual warfare. The man was to be responsible for the spiritual care of his household.

Vocationally, it is different. Man's role is provisional and woman's role is creative. Man was to work by the sweat of his brow

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and labor in the fields. Woman was to have pain in childbirth, according to what God set up after the fall. Adam was to dress the garden and to keep it in the first place. Eve was to look well to the ways of her household. Man was to be diligent in business as we see in Proverbs 22, but woman was to care for her children. Man was to know the state of his flocks and his herds. Woman was to give meat for the household and care for the children. Man was to till the land and bring forth bread. Woman was to sew and even sell what she sewed.

There was a difference, but there are obvious exceptions. Some of you know that you are involved in obvious exceptions, but even the exceptions can conform to the principles. In religious roles, the leadership positions were designed to be given to men. In more than 98% of all the positions of responsibility of spiritual government in the Old Testament and the New, God chose men for the role. Why? Because they were better? No, you know better than that. Smarter? No, all of you know better than that. History shows that was not so, but they were fulfilling God's design. Man was designed to be aggressive, bold, objective and leadership material, not because he had it in him, but because God designed it for a purpose. The home is another example. Man was to provide and protect. Woman was to care and to administer.

3- The third area is personality. Men and women are not the same in personality. Men by design are objective and emotionally insensitive, by and large. Women will go along with that, won't you? Men are aggressive and the initiator. They view life from a long-range perspective, inattentive to details. Their goals are to be strong, to conquer, to be vocal and to be heard. They are drawn to that which is dogmatic, clinical, and provable.

Women, on the other hand, were designed to be subjective in nature, to be sensitive. They were to be the responder to the overtures of another and responder to the direction of another. They are interested in short-range goals and attentive to details. Their goals rather than being strong and vocal are to be quiet and gentle. Rather than dogmatic and clinical, they are more abstract and experiential in nature. Different but equal.

I looked through the Scripture this week, referring to a concordance, and I took all the words that define men's roles and responsibilities in one column and took another column for the women. I came up with these words, different, but equal:

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Man

vigilant
able to teach
fight a good fight as soldiers
run the race
rule the family
leaders in the church
endure hardness
strong protector
be strong

Woman

be keepers at home,
be faithful
have holy behavior
love your husbands
discreet
obedient, submissive
chaste
pure
meek
quiet
modest

4- The fourth area is one of strength. We can look in I Peter. In the Amplified Translation it says this,

In the same way, you married men should live considerately with your wives, with an intelligent recognition of the marriage relation, honoring the woman as physically the weaker but realizing that you are joint heirs of the grace of life.
(I Peter 3:7 Amplified Bible)

Spiritually, you are equal. I want to point out the relative strengths of men and women. We will define the word "strength" as the maximum capacity for accomplishment. If that is true, men are physically stronger. I saw an article in the newspaper where a group of women were going in for weight-lifting. Their avowed goal was to develop the same kind of muscles that men can. They showed a picture of them. Very few of you ladies would like to go out and play the Los Angeles Rams this afternoon, and I dare say very few of you men, also. The point is, that there is a difference physically and God designed it that way.

However, I believe emotionally, that women are stronger. I believe that physically, men are stronger but emotionally, women are stronger. You say, "Now wait a minute, my wife cries at the drop of a hat. That is proof she is weaker." The word strength, remember, means maximum capacity. A woman has the capacity to feel, respond and express emotions that a man doesn't have. Who would argue with the fact that women have the greatest capacity for emotion by design? They are sensitive, subjective

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and emotional. Men need to learn from and lean on the emotional strength of their wives. Women are sensitive. They are the feelers that go out and sense the spirit in the atmosphere about them. Men need to learn from them, and use their emotions and learn right from wrong in this area. We mistake sensitivity for weakness, not so. Therefore, I believe that men are stronger physically, but women are stronger emotionally.

I believe, likewise, the Scripture teaches that we are equal spiritually, but different. Because God has equipped us with different capabilities, we are different spiritually, but equal. Because of man's objectivity, aggressive nature, boldness, long-range goals and authority by design, he is equipped and commanded by the church to lead. He usually excels in areas of teaching, particularly teaching men, preaching, witnessing, memorizing and understanding doctrine. This is why if you go to churches where doctrine is taught almost exclusively, you will find a male-oriented, male-controlled church almost completely. If you go to a church that is long on prayer, meditation and worship, you will find oftentimes, this is a female-dominated congregation. There is a balance in the body.

Men are usually stronger at preaching, teaching, witnessing, doctrine and leadership. This is the way God designed it. But, they are not stronger spiritually. Because, usually speaking, women are stronger when it comes to discernment. They can sense a phony. They can sense a problem. Women are more discerning than men, much more discerning. They have a greater capacity for worship. Many times they have a greater capacity, for prayer because of the subjectivity and sensitivity of their nature. They have a greater capacity for meditation which is the key to spiritual growth. This is one reason why in many churches women grow so much faster than men, because women have the capacity to subjectively take the Word of God and apply it to their lives and meditate on it. This is the key to spiritual growth. Women have a greater capacity for this where men have a greater capacity to learn facts and doctrine. Women have a greater ability to apply the facts.

This is the reason why so often when the lesson is over, the guys will come up and say, "I agreed with this, but I didn't agree with that, and I think I understand this, or what do you think about this..." It usually has to do with theology related to the passage. Meanwhile, a woman will come up to me and say, "Oh,

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God just really tugged at my heart strings, and God moved me and I am going to do this..." We need the balance, but we surely need what women have to offer in terms of taking the Word and doing something with it.

Women are equipped for service. Unfortunately, men are usually good at standing back and telling others what to do. But, our lack of attentiveness to detail oftentimes means that in the realm of plain service, the women have to go in and complete the job. So, men and women are equal, but different. In essence, the same. In function, diverse and in authority, given divine order.

Now if men and women are equal, but different, how can God best utilize their innate differences? How can He build on their spiritual equality yet maintain order in the home and in the church?

If men and women are equal, but different, God had to do something to maintain order and portray a picture. So, what He did was place a divine order of authority. We see this in I Corinthians,

But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ,
the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.
(I Corinthians 11:3 NKJV)

We see divine progression, God the Father over God the Son, God the Son over the husband, the husband over the wife, the wife over the children. If this did not offend Jesus, we need to look at the fact that Jesus never once complained that the Father made His choices. Jesus never once complained. His choice, rather, was to obey. You say, "Was He equal?" Of course, He was equal. But, He was under authority by design. If God the Son never complained about being under the authority of the Father as this passage says, for the same reasons, you wives are under your husband's authority. Therefore, why should this thought be so offensive to us in the body of Christ? It has nothing to do with equality. It is making use of diversity under authority.

Do you see the principle? Equal, but under authority. These two equal but different creatures, God said, would be ranked in a system of authority, utilizing equally their strengths and portraying vividly His spiritual picture of His relationship to us. This is what He did, not because of inequality, but to make use of diversity.

What is authority? Authority is a dirty word in today's society.

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Authority is the divine progression of responsibility created by God to portray His message, to maintain order in the church and in the home, and to utilize man's and woman's distinctive without compromising their quality. This is authority.

Now, what is to keep men and women on an equal footing if in authority they are ranked under each other? God thought of that, too. He designed a dual-balancing principle to restore equality through authority. Here is what He did. The woman was to be in submission to the man, her own husband, not somebody else's. What is submission? Submission means to yield to the authority of another. Submission means to place one's heart in the attitude of humility to carry out another's desires. Submission is to give oneself totally to the success of another when placed under their authority. Submission is the act of giving one's life to another. This is submission. In Ephesians 5, we read,

Wives, be submissive and adapt yourselves to your own husbands as the church is subject to Christ.
(Ephesians 5:22 paraphrased)

This is the same progression, same rank, same reason. Colossians 3 says,

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
(Colossians 3:18 NKJV)

I Peter 3 says,

Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands...
(I Peter 3:1 NKJV)

That is not the gospel concerning marriage. It is 49% of it. It is not even half. Because "women submit"- is what we always hear. But that is only 49% and the other 51% is "men sacrifice." That is what leads women to want to submit. What does it mean to sacrifice? To sacrifice means to voluntarily overlook rank for the purpose of giving up pleasures or rights for the sake of another. To sacrifice means to use one's strength to protect, provide or meet the needs of another at the expense of your own rank or rights. Where submission is giving one's life to another, sacrifice is the act of giving one's life for another. To give one's self totally to the success of another without regard to rank or position, this is sacrifice. Ephesians 5 says,

Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it.
(Ephesians 5:25)

Christ gave Himself away. How did He do it? Why did He do

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it? We see this in John 13:5-14 as He washed the disciples' feet. He said, in essence, "You have seen Me do this, so this is your pattern of how the body of Christ is supposed to work. This is My plan. Do you want to see how it works, husbands?" Philippians 2 is the key as this passage refers to Jesus as Paul says,

...did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
(Philippians 2:6 NKJV)

Jesus understood His position. He knew He was in authority, but He made Himself nothing. He thought Himself of no reputation and made Himself nothing and became a slave.
(Philippians 2:7 paraphrased)

One version says,

He didn't clutch at His rights, (Philippians 2:6)

Jesus didn't hold onto His authority, He gave it away by sacrifice. He died instead. Ephesians 5 says,

Men, love your wives as your own bodies.
(Ephesians 5:28 paraphrased)

The inference is that you will do anything to save your own hide, your own life, so you need to do everything to save hers.

Wives, you are to give your husbands honor, reverence and submission whether he deserves it or not. But husbands are to give your wives your lives, whether she honors, reverences, submits or not. The reason I say that submission is less than 50% is because it is the husband's responsibility to initiate the love because he portrays God in this relationship.

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us...
(I John 4:10 NKJV)

And we responded to Him. It is not an unbroken circle, it has to begin somewhere. The man is responsible for the beginning of it.

In I Peter 3, we see what a woman's responsibility is if her husband does not fulfill the role. Her responsibility is to submit even more. But the husband's responsibility is the greater. He is responsible to God for his life and hers.

Satan wants to obliterate authority because with it goes God's portrait of salvation and God's portrait of service. The church is to submit, the Savior to sacrifice. It is mutual selflessness, and Satan hates that. He wants no order, no rank, no mutual yielding to portray God's love.

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In closing, the best picture of this whole area can be seen in God Himself. Here is the best illustration of how this whole principle works. We need to remember in essence there is equality, in design there is distinction, in authority there is rank. Here it is, the perfect picture by the Trinity. For example, the Father is equal to the Son. The Son is equal to the Spirit. The Spirit is equal to the Father. The Godhead is in total equality. In the same way, the husband and the wife are in total equality. The Godhead is a perfect portrait of marriage. In essence, the Godhead is equal and so are husband and wife within the marriage relationship.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God. (John 1:1,2 NKJV)

The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His
hand. (John 3:35 NKJV)

He who has seen Me has seen the Father; (John 14:9 NKJV)

...I and My Father are one. (John 10:30 NKJV)

...did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
(Philippians 2:6 NKJV)

They were one.

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;
and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all
principality and power. (Colossians 2:9,10 NKJV)

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing
them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit, (Matthew 28:19 NKJV)

He told them to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son
and the Holy Ghost, all three. They were equal, in essence the
same, total equality.

But as much as the Father, the Son and the Spirit were totally
equal, they are not the same. They are totally distinctive and
different in design. As we said earlier, the Father's goal is design,
the Son's is judgment and the Holy Spirit's is to administer. The
Father's is to design as we see in Mark 13,

But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels
in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
(Mark 13:32 NKJV)

He is in control. He is the one with the plan.

The Son's responsibility is to judge and defend. We see this

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in John 5,

For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,

that all should honor the Son... (John 5:22,23 NKJV)

Equal but different.

The Spirit's responsibility is to administer as we see in John 14,

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

(John 14:26 NKJV)

...because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by (His agent) the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

(Romans 5:5 NKJV)

In Acts 16:6, Paul was forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach in Asia. The Holy Spirit has a supreme function to administer, to control. The Father has a supreme function to design, to manage. The Son has the supreme function to judge and defend. They are different, totally different but totally equal. In essence, the same and in design, different.

6- While being equal but different, they are under authority.

John says,

The Son can do nothing but what He sees the Father do.

(John 5:9)

...because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

(John 5:30 NKJV)

Jesus answered, "My doctrine is not Mine, but Him who sent Me."

(John 5:30 paraphrased)

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority...

He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

(John 16:13,14 NKJV)

Father, Son and Spirit are equal, different and under authority. Husband and wife, equal, different and under authority. Same principle, same parallel, same purpose. If we see it in that way, why should we resent the difference? Why should we resent the authority? The authority is only to make the most of the difference, to proclaim the equality. Do you see what a liar Satan is? How he tries to confuse the basic issue?

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What about women without husbands, those who are single, divorced, widowed, separated? I thought about going into this in more detail, but didn't think that time would permit. I will share a few basic principles that some of you might want to look at. If you are single, widowed, divorced or separated as a woman, these are six things you can do,

1- Recognize the power of your direct relationship to God. You are under the only perfect authority that exists, God, the Father. Perfect power is yours. Total, perfect authority is yours.

2- Find the purpose of your message. God has a distinctive reason for every married couple, for every family relationship, and for every single person. He has a distinctive message, a distinctive reason for the present state that each person is in. Find it out. If you find it, you may have found pure gold.

3- Then, develop a ministry to relay your message. This is why God gives us a message, so that we can have a ministry.

4- If you have to support yourself, vocationally, there are many things you can do to still harmonize with God's principles. You can do things that do not magnify an independent spirit. You can do things that do not create masculine characteristics. You can do things that do not bring you into a competitive state. You can do things that develop God-like qualities. You can do things that magnify your femininity. You can do things that develop your creativity where children in the home are concerned.

5- Develop spiritual qualities becoming to a woman.

6- Expect extra grace from God. There are many promises in Scripture that those who are single or unattached have greater spiritual potential in many areas than those who are married. Paul says that they simply have more time. There are simply less things clamoring for their attention.

The reason I bring this up is that the basic principle does not just have to do with marriage, it has to do with the whole male-female relationship. So God has a divine design for man and woman. Satan cannot stand it. God's design is EDA, Equality that magnifies Diversity under Authority. It is authority that balances itself with submission, that responds to sacrifice.

Satan's counterfeit is ERA, Equality through Rebellion to Authority. It's essence is rebellion to God's ordained plan. It's design is to relegate woman to a man's place in man's world,

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when God has placed her on a divine pedestal with gifts, talents, qualities and values of her own without which society nor the kingdom can function.

Satan is a liar. He wants equality at the expense of distinctives. He says that equality is the absence of authority. He is a liar. But, if he can blur the distinctives and abolish the authority, he has society in chaos. Mothers who are not mothers. Fathers who are not fathers. Children who are totally confused. If he is not stopped, you will see an increase in homosexuality and sex change operations and role swapping. You will see an increase in the media garbage that portrays these things as natural alternatives, viable lifestyles in a world where men are afraid to be men and women are embarrassed to be women This will happen if the church of Jesus Christ, the only salt God has left to preserve His standards, is afraid to stand up and stand on the convictions of God's plan for men and women.

Where do we start? With us. Women need to learn the beauty of submission. Men need to learn to practice the power of self-sacrifice. We need to do this so that the world can see the beauty and experience the power of the difference. Equality and Diversity under Authority. The world, through men and women seeing the difference, can see God.

Note: Russell wrote each of these lessons in a manner that would enable him to clearly communicate them to his weekly class. The grammar or punctuation you encounter may not be technically perfect, but you will certainly "hear" his unique gift for making the message applicable to the common man in everyday situations.

It's been said of him that he was really a writer who read his stuff. And that's a very accurate statement!

May you be richly blessed as you "hear" as you read.

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