A Resolution to be Champion Biblical Femininity

Day 1

Purposefully Feminine

Pretty in Print?

This battle has raged for centuries within the hearts of women; this includes Christian women. For while we may possess an appreciation for many of the rights and recognition's that have been hard won by courageous women of years gone by, we want to balance it with our simultaneous desires to protect the holy definition of womanhood as it's represented to us in God's Word.

It is a commitment to honor the One who created us female.

What is your take on a biblically based femininity in a postfeminist culture?

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A biblical belief system built on the husband’s leadership role and the wife’s position as a yielded partner. - Priscilla Shirer

How easily do you fit into this yielded partner?

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Some of these changes have led to the correction of legitimate injustices towards woman, but many have robbed our gender of much of the uniqueness we’ve been created to exhibit and experience. This independent, autonomous, self-centered has blown up so much that we are unaware of its harmful effect on our choices until we are dealing with the consequences.

What kind of things do you think Priscilla is talking about here? How are we making this unbalanced?
A Christian woman - one who proudly wears the badge of womanhood given by her Father - must resolve to go against the tide. She must return to God’s design and definition for women and then joyfully embrace, accept, and experience it’s blessings.

How would you describe a Christian woman, to God’s design?

We are designed both strong and vulnerable. Powerful yet tender. More than able yet willing to yield. We are smart, wise, capable, equal in worth, and secure in ourselves.

We are always in the spotlight. We need to either champion or demote the beauty of the biblical femininity. We will cause our daughters either to desire it or fight against it. We will encourage our sons either to appreciate it or to take advantage of it.

How do you see yourself or others championing or demoting the biblical femininity?

What kind of woman are you going to be?

How have you seen feminist ideals affect women in the way they....

• Dress?
• Act?
• Make decisions?

What biblical principles of womanhood strike you as stifling or repressive? Why do you think you feel that way?
It’s Good to Be A Girl.

Can you list the first four books of the New Testament without looking?

A news program recently reported that agnostics know as much or more about God as religious people do. What about our knowledge and understanding of the biblical definition of womanhood?

The only possible way for us to live out and champion our Christian faith as women in a culture inundated with feministic ideals is if we are aware of what this faith entails, if we are aware of God’s intention in creating us.

Why were we created in your words?

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What do you think the root of the feminist movement is?

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This is specifically address in Scripture.

**Genesis 1:27**

New International Version (NIV)

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

What do you get from this verse?
You, as a woman, are worth neither less nor more than your male counterparts. You are different, obviously, but only in function, not in value.

What about being a woman; if anything, do you feel is less valued than men? and why do you think so?

Can you find or think of a piece of scripture that counters this feeling?

You are not only an equal partner in the created order, you have been called “good” by God Himself. You are not just good but NECESSARY!

Adam alone couldn’t accomplish the tasks assigned to mankind by the Creator. Man was in need of a partner. Without her, these endeavors would go undone.

So from the beginning, God placed a mark of importance on women. They were good because they bore His image and necessary in the achievement of His purposes on earth.

Where has God has placed you that the circle of people and circumstances are in need of you?

Choose one of the many roles you currently play in your life, and record for each one how you are....

good for it; necessary to it; an important component of it; worthy to be part of it, and trustworthy to fulfill your role in it.
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Day 3

It’s Good to Be A Girl. Part 2

With man’s fall into sin and the decay of the human condition, women soon became downgraded. Throughout the annals of the Old Testament, we see them failing to be treasure, prized, and cherished as the Creator had intended them to be.

Enters Jesus Christ, with the coming of the Messiah in the New Testament, God reaffirmed the significance of women through the life of Christ, who countered a culture that demoted women’s importance and value.

Do you feel when you look to God, you are reaffirmed of your significance? What do you need to be reassured about?

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One prime example of His kindness is with the woman of Samaria by the well.

Do you know why it was frowned upon to talk to her?

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Jesus is a revolutionary who never sought to fit comfortably within societal norms but rather to stand against them, to change them, and to present a new world order both to His generation and every successive generation that followed.

Do you feel the need to fit in? Why?

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Not only did Jesus engage her in casual conversation but invited her opinions on theological issues that men of His historical age would never have expected a mere woman to be capable of entertaining.

**What does this make you conclude about the height God wants us to reach? What we are capable of.....**

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Jesus treated her like a person, a person of intelligence, someone who mattered, someone who was as worthy as the Messiah’s “living water” as anyone else.

**How does that make you feel about how we treat others?**

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After this encounter with Jesus what did this woman do that we should be doing as children of God?

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Being a woman was never a curse to be endured or a trait to be tolerated. It is a gift to be treasured and esteemed.

**Ephesians 5:22-31**

22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing[a] her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— 30 for we are members of his body. 31 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”
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Day 4

Role Reversal

Football players demonstrate more strength and athleticism in one afternoon of work than most of us could work up in a lifetime. Yet as formidable as these guys are; they are not the most powerful people on the field. The referees; usually being much smaller, cause these burly men to follow their instructions.

They choose to submit. Imagine how difficult and unmanageable the game would become if they didn’t.

Human relationships are not designed to be a raw contest of power and strength but rather a self-controlled acceptance of clearly outlines roles.

Is there someone in your life that you feel you constantly compete against or vise versa? Why do you that is?

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___________ is where everyone finds ultimate freedom. (pg 43)

Read the following Scriptures and see which ones apply to you most.

• The employee, whether male or female, must submit to his or her employer. (Colossians 3:22)

• The citizen, whether male or female, must submit to the governmental authority. (1 Peter 2:13)

• The believer, whether male of female, must submit to spiritual authority (1 Peter 5:5)

• And, yes, the wife must submit to the leadership of her husband. (Ephesians 5:22-23)
No doubt you are powerful and capable in your own right, perhaps even more capable and competent than some of those to whom you are called to submit. Yet all of that strength coursing through your nature and personality will only thrive and be its best as your yield to the legitimate authority established by God.

Is there, or has there been people in your life that you feel had no right to be submitted to? They had not proven worthy of your submission...

Refusing to stay in our assigned lane, swerving into a driving position we are not designed to occupy, will always lead to dissatisfaction.

Is there something in your life you took charge to get and now that you have it, its not what you expected or wanted?

Order matters - whether we understand it or agree with it or even want it. Nothing can truly and ultimately be enjoyed when we are not willing to remain within our roles and boundaries.

Even the most powerful Man ever to walk the earth knew humility is necessary to achieve a much greater result.

*Philippians 2:6-8 (NLT)*

6 Though he was God,[a] he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.
7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges[b]; he took the humble position of a slave[c] and was born as a human being.When he appeared in human form,[d]
8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.

What excuse do we have for not choosing to do the same - to forgo our supposed rights in order to acquiesce to God’s designed plans for humanity? To trust His wisdom and insight? To bring Him to the most glory, whether we get our way or not?

Do you have a problem being humble? Could you give up all your privileges to be obedient to God?
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Day 5

Role Reversal Continued.

Women have taken over the authority of men; men have passively neglected their roles as leaders. The result has been broken families, unstable homes, unhealthy dynamics, and derailed legacies. Marriages have cratered.

Only by surrendering to God’s design for womanhood will we as women experience the liberation we are trying so desperately to recover elsewhere.

What reasons do you think women are so leery about submitting?

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The stronger; more ambitious, and more independently capable you are; the more inclined you may be to shudder at the thought of submission.

Define submission in your own words. Pg. 46

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Some have abused it. So have misapplied the concept, allowing husbands to be domineering and their wives doormats.

Have you been treated as a doormat in the past?

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Not all leaders live their responsibilities well. Perhaps, if you're married, your husband doesn't.

Is there someone close to you that is not doing their best, and in turn is effecting you and your family?

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Your husband, like any leader in God’s created order, will be held accountable for how wisely, how carefully, how devotedly, how biblically he has handled his role.

So will you!

How content are you with the work you are doing in your God assigned role?

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This is certainly not to say that you must submit to anyone who leads you into sin or is abusive toward you. If you are married where your conscience and physical safety are under threat, the duty of submission does not call you to endure any demand without question.

Are you offended at the thought of yielding to the authority of another?

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Purposefully Feminine

I will champion God’s model for womanhood in the face of a postfeminist culture. I will teach it to my daughters and encourage its support by my sons.

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