

1 Timothy 2:11-14

11 A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. 13 **For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner.**

Genesis 1:26-28

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;

male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 2

Adam and Eve

8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; **and there he put the man he had formed.**

15 **The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.**

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

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

19 Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 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 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.

23 The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called 'woman,'
for she was taken out of man."

24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Genesis 3:8-9; 17

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 **But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"**

17 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,'

"Cursed is the ground because of you;
through painful toil you will eat of it
all the days of your life.

Ephesians 5:22-33**Wives and Husbands**

22 Wives, submit to your husbands as 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 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 his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, **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."** 32 **This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.** 33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

From John Piper:

Definition of Manhood - at the heart of mature men, is a sense of benevolent responsibility to lead, provide and protect women in ways appropriate to man's different relationships. Manhood means you grow up to be a strong humble person, who feels a special responsibility towards women; to see that the good things that need to get done, get done; and a special responsibility that women be safe in your presence; and a special responsibility that they have what they need.

Definition of Womanhood - at the heart of mature women is a freeing disposition to affirm, receive and nurture strength and leadership from worthy men in ways that are appropriate to a woman's different relationships. To be a woman means you grow up to be a wise and caring person who feels a special desire / calling to give good men a lot of backing a lot of encouragement and support for the special responsibility they have from God to be leaders, protectors and providers; it means you become a creative partner to help men carry through the goals of the relationship in which you find yourselves.