

GOD'S CHURCH

GOD'S WAY »

TOWARD A VIBRANT CHURCH





MALE AND FEMALE: GOD'S GOOD DESIGN

God's Good Design: Male and Female

Meaningful membership - God says his church is to be made up of members who enjoy responsibility for each other.

Elder leadership - God cares for, teaches, and protects the local church through a plurality of qualified and called men who share these pastoral responsibilities.

Deacon servanthood - God frees the elders to concentrate on spiritual oversight and provides for the physical care, administrative needs, and day-to-day functioning of the church through qualified and called men and women.



**God's good design for our lives
includes gender.**

Gender

- **Gender Confusion**
- **Gender Creation**
- **Gender Complementarity**



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Gender Confusion



“I am literally open to every single thing that is consenting and doesn’t involve an animal and everyone is of age. Everything that’s legal, I’m down with. Yo, I’m down with any adult — anyone over the age of 18 who is down to love me.” –Miley Cyrus

“There was something about the casual, carefree-ness of the statements that I found both charming and revolutionary. It took a happy-go-lucky sledgehammer to the must-fit-a-box binary that constrains and restricts our understanding of the complexity of human sexuality.” -Charles Blow

“But it seems more younger people are liberating themselves from this thinking and coming to better understand and appreciate that people must have the freedom to be fluid if indeed they are, and that no one has the right to define or restrict the parameters of another person’s attractions, love or intimacy.”

“People must be allowed to be themselves, however they define themselves, and they owe the world no explanation of it or excuse for it. They have to be reminded that the only choices they need to make are to choose honesty and safety.”



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Gender Creation



**Part of the grandeur of being human is
that we are either male or female.**

Genesis 1:26–28 (ESV)

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷So God created man in his own

Genesis 1:26–28 (ESV)

²⁷ image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living

Genesis 1:26–28 (ESV)

28 thing that moves on the earth.”



1 Timothy 5:1-2 (ESV)

**Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers,
² older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.**



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Gender complementarity



“Complementarity means that the music of our relationships should not be merely the sound of singing in unison. It should be the integrated sound of soprano and bass, alto and tenor. It means that the differences of male and female will be respected and affirmed and valued. It means that male and female will not try to duplicate each other, but will highlight in each

other the unique qualities that make for mutual enrichment.” –John Piper



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