

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



GROWTH GUIDE

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Harmony

Music is made up of three parts. There is melody, there is harmony and there is rhythm. Now, melody, you sing the same song. Harmony, you sing different parts. Rhythm, you sing it together. It's so important that a husband and wife sing the same song, sing it in harmony, and sing it together.

God made man and women, male and female. God did that by divine design, The Bible teaches that God does not value one sex above another. And I thank God for the difference. I want us to celebrate the difference today, because it's our differences, not our likenesses that bring us together as husband and wife.

Let me give you the three reasons God brings us together for His divine design.

First of all, for companionship. It is not good that man should be alone. None of the animals could satisfy the hunger in Adam's heart. And not even God himself. Adam had a face to face relationship with Almighty God in the Garden of Eden and yet that could not satisfy the deepest need that Adam had and so God created woman.

Secondly, is for cooperation. A help meet, or fitting for him. Now the word helper is a noun, it is not a verb. He's not just saying he's going to give him some help. God could have given Adam a friend to help him pick fruit, a buddy or some body. No that's not the idea. The idea is of someone who is going to cooperate with him. Some one who will become a part of a team with him. Some one that will make him more than he could have been without that particular person, someone to help Adam to reach his full potential.

Third, God made woman for completion. You see, the Bible says in Genesis 2:18, "I will make a help meet for him." That means a fitting helper. Some one to make up that part which is lacking. And it is not just mere folklore that God took Eve from Adam's side. It is that there is something missing until she is returned. And it is not by mere happenstance, we speak of our husbands or our wives as "the other half". And they are.

Now, if we're thinking about the music of marriage. You think of Adam as a violin, you think of Eve as the bow. And it is together that they make the music that they are suppose to be. Eve is to complete Adam and Adam completes Eve.

Adrian Rodgers, *Harmony in the Home*.

KEY VERSE

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1, NKJV)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Read Psalm 133:1

What are some differences you have noticed or experienced between men and women?

How have you seen married couples live in harmony with these differences?

Current research shows young men and women marrying later in life, if at all. Why do you think this is so?

Before the fall of man there was one thing God said that was not good. Read Genesis 2:18. What was not good?

Tuesday: Read Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:18

Being a completer, not a competer.

Consider observations in boys and girls, which of the following characteristics are most apparent when it comes to boys and girls?

Manual Dexterity:
Verbal Skills:

Physical Aggression:
Nurturing Instinct:

Many in our society today say that the differences between men and women are primarily cultural, however, what we find in the Bible is that God has created men and women different from the beginning. Regarding the topic of men and women, why do you think the lines are so blurred in our society today?

Wednesday: Read Genesis 3:1-15; Romans 5:12

Men are providers and protectors; women are nurturers.

Read Genesis 3:6. Who was the first to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil?

Read Genesis 3:9. Why do you think God confronted Adam first?

We could conclude that God designed men to protect their wives and it is a God given responsibility.

Read Genesis 3:20. Who gave Eve her name and what is the meaning of her name?

Would you agree that God made a woman more of a nurturer at heart? What evidence would you give to support your answer?

Thursday: 1 Timothy 5:8; Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 31:10-11, 27

Head first vs. heart first.

Would you agree (in general) with the following statements?

A man sees his work as an extension of himself. If a man's work is not going right, he's not happy. A woman sees her home as an extension of herself.

In a marriage, do you think a wife is more interested in success or security? Why or why not?

What advice or experience could you offer for the following?

If a man comes to his wife with this huge goal only looking at the “big picture,” how can a wife respectfully help her husband see the details of the decision that would affect them along the way?

Friday: Read Ephesians 5:22-33; Genesis 2:24

God made us different so that he might make us one.

When it comes to men being men and women being women; consider these statements by the late Adrian Rodgers.

- *A man is infinitely superior to a woman at being a man, and a woman is infinitely superior to a man at being a woman. Men and women are different — by design. Neither is superior to the other, but they are very, very different.*
- *Men and women process information differently. A man's brain works more like a computer while a woman's is more like a radar.*
- *A woman uses language to express emotion while a man uses language primarily to dispense facts.*
- *God told man to dress the garden and keep it, but He gave women a nurturing instinct.*
- *These differences...shouldn't divide us. They should unite us. God made us different that He might make us one.*
- *It's time to stop trying to be the be the same or resenting each other because of our differences. It's time to start celebrating the difference!*