

How to Complement the Opposite Sex

Ephesians 5:21-27

Men and women are _____ by creative design.

So their **created** roles are _____, not _____ or _____.

Complement: That which _____ up or _____ ...makes _____.

*Name some couples that show the **power of pairing!** (402)910-2490*

Complementary Roles:

1. Men are designed to serve by Christ's _____.

- *What's God mean "the husband is the _____?"* 23
- *How does this fit with the command to "be subject to one another?"* 21
- *How can he do this? "just as _____."*
 - By _____ – "He gave himself up!" 23
 - By _____ – "...to sanctify...cleanse...present her in glory..." 26
 - By _____ – focusing on God's _____ & her _____. 27
- *How does this fit with the model?*
 - The cultural model?
 - The Trinitarian model? 1 Corinthians 11:3
The Trinity includes **headship**: There is _____ in the Godhead.
Order requires voluntary and mutual _____. Eph. 5:21
Relationships are designed and defined by _____ not _____!
 - The church model? Ephesians 5:25 & 32
Apply: The primary purpose of marriage is God's _____ not our....
Break the mold of the _____ - _____ husband/wife.

2. Women are designed to serve by _____.

- *What's God mean she is "a _____ to him?"* Gen. 2:18
 - _____: Does with/for another what they _____ do
_____. Ps. 54:4 ...**God is my helper...** sustainer of my soul.
Hebrews 13:6 **THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID.**
John 14:16-17 ...another **Helper...** that is the **Spirit** of truth...
Apply: How does the Trinity define the role of "helper?"
How can I do that in my relationships? In marriage? At church?
 - _____: Corresponding _____ – that which _____.
- *What does that look like?*
 - The Trinity, Christ, and the church.
 - What are some helpful metaphors? (402)910-2490
 - That does not mean the "head" is _____. 1 Cor. 11:3ff.
 - That means neither has _____ authority. 1 Cor. 11:9-12
- Clarifiers and qualifiers:
 - *Being subject* isn't _____. Jn. 5:19; 8:28; Col. 2:9-10; Gn. 1:27
 - *Being subject* isn't _____.
 - *Being subject* isn't the absence of _____. The whole Bible!
 - Whatchur questions men/women relationships? (402)910-2490

Challenge: Build relationships by God's _____ and _____.

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Men and women are **different** by creative design.

So their **created** roles are **complementary**, not competitive or interchangeable.

Complement: That which **fills up** or **completes...makes whole**.

Name some couples that show the **power of pairing!** (402)910-2490

Complementary Roles:

1. Men are designed to **serve** by Christ's **leadership**.

- What's God mean "the husband is the head?" 23
- How does this fit with the command to "be subject to one another?" 21
- How can he do this? "just as Christ."
 - By sacrifice – "He gave himself up!" 23
 - By service – "...to sanctify...cleanse...present her in glory..." 26
 - By humility – focusing on God's glory and her needs. 27
- How does this fit with the model?
 - The cultural model?
 - The Trinitarian model? 1 Corinthians 11:3
The Trinity includes **headship**: There is order in the Godhead.
Order requires voluntary and mutual submission. Eph. 5:21

Relationships are designed and defined by God not culture!

- The church model? Ephesians 5:25 & 32

Apply: The primary purpose of marriage is God's glory not our...

Break the mold of the glory-gory husband/wife.

2. Women are designed to **serve** by **completing**.

- What's God mean she is made to be "a helper suitable to him?" Gen. 2:18
 - **Helper:** Does with/for another what they can't do alone. Ps. 54:4
Behold, God is my helper; The Lord is the sustainer of my soul.
THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID.
WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME? Hebrews 13:6
I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth... John 14:16-17
Apply: How does the Trinity define the role of "helper?"
How can I do that in my relationships? In marriage? At church?
 - **Suitable:** Corresponding counterpart – that which completes.
- What does that look like?
 - The Trinity, Christ and the church.
 - What are some helpful metaphors? (402)910-2490
 - That does not mean the "head" is superior. 1 Cor. 11:3ff.
 - That means neither has independent authority. 1 Cor. 11:9-12
- Clarifiers and qualifiers:
 - *Being subject* isn't inferiority. Jn. 5:19; 8:28; Col. 2:9-10; Gen. 1:27
 - *Being subject* isn't slavery.
 - *Being subject* isn't the absence of leadership. The whole Bible!

Challenge: Build relationships by God's pattern and prototype.