

# boys and girls

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Week of February 12, 2012

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The “image of God” is placed in parallel with “male and female.” How does being “male and female” help humans be the “image of God”?

## Some Biblical Questions

Tackle the ones that are most interesting to you.

Why does God create / approach Adam first in Genesis 2 & 3?

How do you understand the gender issues in Judges 4 & 5?

In 1 Corinthians 11:3-16: (1) Is Paul opposed to women praying or prophesying in church? (2) What does the head covering symbolize? (3) Is long hair enough for Paul? (4) Paul seems to indicate that women should express signs of authority and signs of “femininity” in the context of the church. How should that be applied today? (5) What does all this teach about the differences between boys and girls?

In 1 Corinthians 14:33-35: (1) Is Paul opposed to any women saying anything in a church or to certain kinds of speaking? (2) In a society that devalued women learning, what should we understand from Paul’s command that women receive instruction from their husbands? (3) What about women who have no husbands?

In 1 Timothy 2:8-15: (1) What reason does Paul give for his restrictions on women? (2) Do you have any ideas what Paul means by women being saved through childbirth (many scholars don’t understand that verse)? (3) What does Paul command for the men?

In 1 Timothy 3:1-12, the word “deacons” actually means “servant,” and the word “wives” could be translated “the women.” In light of that, (1) Who does Paul want to serve as “overseers”? (2) Can women serve alongside men as “servants”? (3) Does it make a difference to know that Timothy was supposed to supervise the church with Priscilla and Aquilla in it?

## Summary

The Bible shows a strong preference for a “complementary” perspective on gender. What’s your response to these claims?

- men are to be characterized by strength, responsibility, and leadership.
- women are to be characterized by modesty and a nurturing, submissive spirit.
- men are to view women with uplifting consideration as precious treasures.
- women are to view men with supportive respect as responsible leaders.

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