



# Gender Issues

## Facing our Children and Culture

### **The Attack**

First, we must recognize that our children are under attack. This is an attack on the biblical worldview. Our young boys and girls are at the forefront of this attack. It is an attack on their innocence, biblical sexuality, God-ordained gender, and identity.

### **Whom are we fighting?**

The enemy of our souls. God's enemy and our enemy Satan.

**Ephesians 6:12, John 10:10**

### **The Truth**

Let us now consider the truth. How do we reject the lies, know the truth, and teach the truth to our children?

John 8:32 "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

### **God Made them Male and Female**

From the very beginning of time, God's design has been clear. God does not change, He is immutable. His design and plan for men and women do not change regardless of changes in culture or years gone by. You see God by his very nature does not change. Therefore, his commands, plans, and design for mankind do not change.

**Hebrews 13:8 , Genesis 1:27-28 , Genesis 2:18-24, Mark 10:6-9 , Ephesians 5:22-33 , Genesis 3:16-21**

**God establishes His Design for Men and Women in these passages.**

1. God's Creation of Man and Woman in His image
2. The designed difference between a Man and a Woman (complementing one another, leader and helper)
3. God's perfect design for Man and Woman
4. Marriage is established between one man and one woman
5. The purpose of Marriage (a picture of Christ and the Church)
6. The relationship between husband and wife (to be one flesh, to glorify God, an example of the gospel)

7. The Relationship with God (we are His bride)
8. Anything outside of God's original design and plan for Man and Woman would be sinful and reject the Creator's perfect plan and design.
9. The marriage (man and woman) brought with it a command to be fruitful and multiply.
10. Only God controls the population of the World
11. Only God controls the end of the world.
12. Jesus affirms God's design
13. Paul affirms God's design
14. The punishment after the Fall is gender specific.

### **Genesis 1:27**

We must determine in our hearts that Facts—not ideology—determine reality. Our Emotions or indoctrination do not replace the truth that is in God's Word.

### **Psalm 139:13-14**

## **The Lies – a God of their own making.**

### **Romans 1:18- 32, Judges 21:25**

### **Gender Ideology**

Definition: "Gender ideology" is a concept adopted by a global movement to articulate opposition to gender equality, abortion, sexual education, and LGBTQ rights in areas such as marriage, adoption, surrogacy, and reproductive technologies.

Those who push gender ideology on children or anyone, replace subjective truth with the feelings of the individual.

"Transgender" ideology is grounded in the idea that the body isn't an essential part of our being (a viewpoint known as essentialism).

### **The cult of gender ideology**

The LGBT culture is actively and purposely marketing to parents and children. The decline started when our culture was first desensitized first by feminism, then with the acceptance of men and women living together unmarried, it then went to the acceptance of the gay and lesbian movement and other sexual sins. We are now seeing that acceptance of sexual sin in our culture has birthed the harmful and abusive gender ideology, now being pushed on children. If men and women are not different then the moral constraints of Scripture are torn down.

## Lies Children are Hearing:

1. You can choose your gender. I identify as... or be nonbinary (neither male nor female) genderqueer (both genders)
2. Male and Female identity and roles are social constructs.
3. Adam was created with both genders.
4. Jesus and John, David and Jonathan, were in homosexual relationships.
5. Parents are free to expose their children to sexual behavior (drag shows), LGBT+ pride, and gender ideology, and accept/reinforce sinful behavior as normal.
6. Same-sex relationships or marriage is not wrong.
7. Your happiness is what matters.
8. Love is love.
9. Women can do anything a man can do.
10. Women are happier unmarried and childless. A career will make you happy.
11. Men are oppressive and masculinity is negative.
12. Men who dress in drag are just entertainment.
13. If you are “true to yourself” you are brave.
14. There are too many people in the world. Overpopulation theory.
15. Your identity is in your sexuality
16. Harmful Terminology – (Assigned at birth) (your truth) (Pronouns)
17. Radical Individualism creates happiness. Radical individualism casts off all moral restraints in order to achieve maximum personal happiness.

Many who struggle with gender dysphoria or same-sex attraction are products of one or more of these childhood areas of brokenness and sin. They are from broken homes (divorce, remarriage, etc.), sexual abuse, Verbal or emotional abuse, early exposure to pornography, abandonment, trauma, media influence, and peer influence.

### 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

## The Defense

### Colossians 2:8

“Give us the first seven years of a child, with God’s grace, and we may defy the world, the flesh, and the devil.” C.H. Spurgeon

1. **The Gospel**
2. **Biblical Truth**
3. **Apologetics**

“Whether we teach young Christians truth or not, the devil will be sure to teach them error.” C.H. Spurgeon

## **Biblical Manhood and Womanhood**

Men and women have equal value and dignity because they share equally in the divine image.

### **Boys**

1. Created unique with different roles given by God.
2. Only a man can make the raw material for procreation.
3. God created man to be a leader, love, protect, and provide.
4. Created men to be a husband and raise a family.
5. Men to be a shepherd of the family.
6. Created to have a personal relationship with Jesus.

### **Girls**

1. Created unique with different roles given by God.
2. Only a woman can carry a child and nurse them.
3. God created woman to be a helper, to love and serve.
4. Created women to be a wife and raise a family.
5. Women to serve their families with love and faith.
6. Created to have a personal relationship with Jesus.

Matthew 19:4 “He answered, “Have you not read that he who created **them** from the beginning made them male and female.

*We live in a time where children must be affirmed regularly that God did not make a mistake when determining their gender. The best way to do this is by providing your child with clear biblical definitions and models of what it means to be a godly male or female. – Dale Partridge*

### **Books for your children and ministry:**

Jesus and my Gender – *Partridge, Dale*

Johnny the Walrus – *Walsh, Matt*

God Made Boys and Girls: Helping Children Understand the Gift of Gender - *Machowski, Martin*

God's Design – *Michael, Sally*

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