

INTRODUCTION

There are two essential properties of every person and they are:

1. SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS

1. By self-consciousness is meant exactly what the term signifies:
  1. Awareness of the self.
  2. An animal is conscious but the animal is not self-conscious.

2. SELF-DETERMINATION

1. Self-determination is the power of the self to determine its own ends: ability to choose. Joshua 24:15
2. The ultimate choice is the result of the personal reaction to given alternatives: the reaction of "I!"
3. Man's individual attitude toward life and its meaning will determine whether:
  1. He will walk up in the Milky Way or,
  2. Wallow in the gutter of sin.

3. IN THE GARDEN:

1. Adam and Eve (man and woman) had to make a choice. They had to choose:
  1. Between self and God.
  2. Between their way of doing things and God's way of doing things.
  3. This is the choice that every human being makes, a choice which he cannot avoid, as he goes through this life.
  4. The first human pair chose self, and sin entered the world.
  5. Selfishness is at the root of every sin that man commits: MAN ON THE THRONE; CHRIST ON THE CROSS.

4. LOVE THE MASTER PASSION

1. What is love some one asks?
2. Love is not sensuality as some seem to think: the gratification of the senses.
3. What love is:
  1. Love is not something that you fall into but something that you step up to.
  2. Love is attraction to an object combined with the desire for oneness with that object.
  3. The nobility of love is determined by the nobility of its object.
4. The essential principle of love is sacrifice. Examples:
  1. The mutual love of sweethearts.
  2. The mutual love of husband and wife.
  3. the mutual love of parents for the children. ETC.

"MALE AND FEMALE CREATED HE THEM!"

1. Deuteronomy 22:5; "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God."
  1. All that which tends to obliterate God's distinction between male and female tends to licentiousness; and that the one sex should assume the dress of the other has always been regarded as unnatural and indecent.
  2. For a long time I have said, "that it was a sad day in the world when women began to ape men in any way."



2. How is the distinction of the sexes to be preserved? I suggest three ways how this may be done:
1. In Dress. (1 Tim 2:9, 10; 1 Peter 3:1-4)
    1. Women, God's most beautiful work in creation, are to "adorn themselves in modest apparel,..."
    2. "But with good works."
    3. One's dress acts upon one's mind and character.
      1. Dress like a clown and you will feel and very likely act like a clown. Dress is a symbol of character.
      2. In recent months many women have seemingly been happy to parade themselves in the all time high rise of the mini-skirt while showing no concern whatsoever in the contribution that such immodesty of dress has had in degrading womanhood.
  2. In Manners.
    1. 1 Peter 3:2 says, "While they behold your chaste conversation (manner of life) coupled with fear."
    2. Her manner of life will come to light in "A meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price." 1 Pet. 3:4
  3. In Occupation.
    1. Some women seem to think that their work is to reform and regenerate the world.
    2. Their reforming work is not in the publicities of the world, but in the privacies of the home:
      1. It begins in the lives of their children.
    3. The fruit of this occupation well-done:
      1. "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her." Prov. 31:11
      2. "Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land." Prov. 31:23
      3. "Her children rise up and call her blessed." Prov. 31:28
      4. "Her husband also praiseth her." Prov. 31:28
3. God made them (male and female) to be different.
1. A group of women (Women's Liberation Group) now claiming equality with man in most every respect.
    1. Not willing to acknowledge the "husband as the head of the wife. Ephesians 5:23; "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church and the saviour of the body!"
  2. The Bible is the great reservoir of the rights of male and female.
    1. It teaches the husband and wife to honor each other in, "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." Eph. 5:21
    2. It warns every man that if he degrades woman he degrades himself.
      1. In fact, when man degrades any one, man or woman, he degrades himself.

THE HUSBAND-WIFE RELATIONSHIP

1. Gen. 4:16; 17; "Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. 17-And unto Adam he said, because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life."
  1. Wives duty to husbands; Ephesians 5:22-24.
  2. Husbands duty to wives; Ephesians 5:25-28.
2. SPECIAL NOTE: The church is not dishonored by being subject to Christ, so neither is the woman dishonored by being subject to man.



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PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP

1. What do the children think about papa and mama? That all depends.
  1. Pleasant, congenial parents will create a good image for the children.
    1. The father should be such in the family as would cause the daughter to say, "I would like to marry a man who would talk to me like my daddy talks to my mama and who love and care for me as my father loves and cares for my mother."
    2. Reverse the above and you have what any son would like to say about the girl he would marry.
  2. On the other hand nothing divides and discourages children more than dissension among parents. Warring, fighting, bickering parents.
    1. Fights are so easy to start. Battles are battles whether they are fought with adjectives or clubs. EXAMPLE: The husband-wife fight over the morning coffee.
    2. 1. Wounds are bad any time whether made with clubs or words. Wounds made with adjectives may some times be worse than those made with clubs.

A WORD TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE

1. What the Scriptures Teach. Ephesians 6:1-4
2. "Be happy ever after is based upon your behavior before marriage."
  1. Your future morals are being formulated by the height of your ideals now or the depth to which your ideals may sink during your higher educational attainments.
  2. I would remind you that, IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN A BIG WEDDING TO BREAK UP ESTABLISHED PATTERNS OF MISCONDUCT.
    1. The husband or wife who has "been around" has not been preparing to settle down.

