

THE ROLE OF GOD IN THE CHURCH (4)

***Creation Principle One...** *God made men and women in his image. God made man as a leader and woman as a helper (both should reflect the glory and nature of God).*

***Creation Principle Two...** *God created men, women and children to be united into family units. This reflects the complete unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit... the spiritual family (Godhead).*

***Failing One...** *Women frequently take on leadership roles because men won't... however, God created and equipped them to be helper orientated. The church is supposed to reflect the role of the woman, but it frequently takes leadership away from God.*

***Failing Two...** *God made women attractive to men (the first thing they became aware of after they ate the fruit was they were naked... their sexual characteristics became the main focus. The oneness that men were supposed to have with God has been hijacked with many having a life filled with selfish motivations (a love of the flesh), rather than the love of the Spirit. People burn with lust rather than love.*

***Solution One...** *Leadership... God offers leadership through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit and his Word.*

JOH 16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. *Outside the anointing of the Holy Spirit there is no lasting understanding, however....*

13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will **guide** (*lead*) you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you. *This is the leadership role that God has promoted... whether himself, the church, or the roll of a male... it remains consistent. The following few verses amplify these great truths.*

PSA 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy **name** for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy **word** above all thy **name**.

REV 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall **feed** them, and shall **lead** them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

JOH 15:26 But when the **Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the **Spirit of truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

HEB 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord *is* my **helper**, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

***Solution Two...** *Service... God has asked all saints to put the needs of others first... just as he has made our life and needs a priority to himself.*

HEB 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. **ROM 15:1** We then that are **strong** ought to **bear** the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

ROM 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of* God.

HEB 10: 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

HEB 13:5 *Let your conversation be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will **never leave** thee, nor forsake thee.

1JOH 4:21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God **love** his **brother** also.

This completes the basic principles and roles that God has made and set for us... the role of a man, a woman, a child and the mirrored roles that the Godhead represents.