



Building Wholehearted Disciples of Jesus

Created to Give Life Genesis 3:15; 3:16a & 3:20

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Description: Romance novels and erotica is Emotional Porn that affects a woman's purity and ability to give life, just as visual porn does men's. Women being pure encourages men to be there best. God blesses women with the sacred role of giving life to her husband, children and all around her through her love and nurture. Women give life both through their bodies and their spirits, with spiritual life giving being more important. Women are to guard and keep virginity, lovemaking, the womb, their breasts, and the home. Intimacy and sexual oneness in marriage is a part of a wife's life giving to her husband.

Ladies, I have to be transparent with you, it is hard to talk about these things. I understand some of your stories have been very difficult and some are at this time, my heart goes out to you!!! I feel your pain and I grieve with you, but **if we don't uphold God's beautiful design we have no foundation to stand on or hope for our children's future. How do we undo dysfunctional behavior?** Is it by ignoring it?

No, it's by acknowledging it, being willing to change and seeking help isn't it?

We must take our dysfunctional relations to the Lord and realign them with the Word of God, it's God's good news, yet people reject it and we have to stand with God's truth and His design whether it's rejected or not.

Has anyone noticed what happens to tires after they have gone many miles out of alignment?

What happens to the tires? It will eventually destroy them.

If we are going to go the distance Ladies, we must get our wheels aligned, getting aligned with God's design is critical. Or we will end up along the highway of life with a blowout.

Are you willing to stand for what is right regardless of what other people think, say or do?

Being vulnerable, honoring your husband and having a gentle and quiet spirit doesn't guarantee that they will change, but we are accountable to stand with the truth of God's Word regardless.

When I got home last Thursday night after SHiNE, Denny and I were talking about some of the topics we discussed last week at SHiNE. When I mentioned I went there with subject of submission, "The Bachelor" and "50 Shades of Gray" he said the emotional is the challenge for women, where the visual and sexual is the challenge for men.

I said, exactly, this stuff is emotional porn for women, they're getting emotional fulfillment in ways God did not design for women to experience emotional oneness, outside the marriage covenant! Just as we see how devastating it is to us and our relationship with our husband if they look at pornography and emotional oneness with other women, it is the same shoe on the other foot for women to be lusting after men emotionally!

Then Denny said, “Just like men look at porn and say I wish I had that, women are looking at these men and what they are doing, and saying, I wish I had that”.

The truth is, they are both porn! They are both being stimulated and giving their hearts to someone or something other than who they are intended to.

STORY:

I remember like it was yesterday, but it was about 25 years ago, when our two oldest were very little and playing in the back yard often. It had a chain link fence that came up to about here, not very high, but was very helpful in keeping the kiddos corralled! They had one little boy our kids liked playing with and 2 dachshunds. His mom worked during the day and the dad was home with their son. He was always so nice, complementary of this, that or something else and to be honest, Denny was working a lot and exhausted when he was home. One day I realized as I was grabbing an outfit to wear for the day that subconsciously my thoughts had been going to what would _____ think of this! Oh my gosh ladies, I was floored! I realized I was getting emotional satisfaction from this neighbor and shuttered at where my thoughts were trying to take me, because they didn't go away at the realization of them, they grew stronger and the guilt was great! I asked God to forgive me and what I should do, He said to confess it to Denny and have him pray for you and it will go away. Are you kidding, tell my husband I'm dressing for the man next door!!! Well, I humbled myself, confessed my sin of emotional unfaithfulness and Denny was so sweet, he forgave me, prayed for me, and yes that gave me victory over my sin. It also stirred Denny to be more aware of my emotional needs and desires.

Ladies this is a picture of idolatry. Think about it, if marriage, in its emotional and sexual act between a husband and wife is a picture of oneness between Christ and the Church, then we are participating in idolatry if we are not faithful to our emotional and sexual covenant with Christ whether single, married or divorced.

Denny said:

- ***Actual visual porn that men deal with is accepted as wrong in our culture, but these romanticized emotional affairs women are having through watching TV, movies, reading romantic novels and erotica is no different. In both cases it is an affair of the heart.***

Matt. 5:27-28 NLT

Teaching about Adultery

²⁷ “You have heard the commandment that says, ‘You must not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

My interpretation:

**Any woman who even looks at a man with physical or emotional lust has already committed adultery with him in her heart.*

- ***Women, we need to examine our hearts and see if we are allowing our hearts to lust after another man or how he is treating another woman in a movie, novel or real life.***
- ***If we are allowing our hearts to be fulfilled through emotional affairs with any other than The Lord or our husband, we need to cut it off.***

“Sin will take you farther than you are willing to go, keep you longer than you are willing to stay, and cost you more than you are willing to pay.” - Author Unknown

Pornography (From Merriam Webster)

1: the depiction of erotic behavior (as in pictures or writing) intended to cause sexual excitement.

Idolatry (from Gotquestions.org)

‘The definition of idolatry, according to Webster, is “the worship of idols or excessive devotion to, or reverence for some person or thing.”

An idol is anything that replaces the one, true God. The most prevalent form of idolatry in Bible times was the worship of images that were thought to embody the various pagan deities.’

Listen to just the first 2 paragraphs of this lengthy article about **Violence Against Women on the Internet** from, The Harvard Law School, and then you tell me if America has an emotional affair with graphic porn. This doesn't even cover the billions spent on romance novels and erotica predominantly by women.

Title: Pervasive, Popular, Profitable, and Private: The Economics of Internet Pornography

“The business of pornography, adult and child pornography alike, underpins and arguably sustains the Internet. It has often been said that pornography is the only profitable entity on the Internet. Some distinguishing characteristics of Internet pornography are its profitability, accessibility, and popularity. In 2000, it was estimated that pornography was a \$10 billion industry in the United States. In 2001, *The New York Times Magazine* reported that the \$10 billion estimate is on "the low-end." Frank Rich writes an article for *The New York Times Magazine* entitled "Naked Capitalists: There's No Business Like Porn Business" and noted:

"...The \$4 billion that Americans spend on video pornography is larger than the annual revenue accrued by either the N.F.L., the N.B.A. or Major League Baseball. But that's literally not the half of it: the porn business is estimated to total between \$10 billion and \$14 billion annually in the United States when you toss in porn networks and pay-per-view movies on cable and satellite, Internet Web sites, in-room hotel movies, phone sex, sex toys and that archaic medium of my own occasionally misspent youth, magazines. Take even the low-end \$10 billion estimate (from a 1998 study by Forrester Research in Cambridge, Mass.), and pornography is a bigger business than professional football, basketball and baseball put together. People pay more money for pornography in America in a year than they do on movie tickets, more than they do on all the performing arts combined.”

For the rest of the article: <http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/vaw02/mod2-3.htm>

From the Covenant Eyes website: <http://www.covenanteyes.com/pornstats/>

“64% of Christian men and 15% of Christian women say they watch porn at **least once a month**.” “68% of young adult men and 18% of women use porn at least once every week.” “67% of young men and 49% of young women say **viewing porn is an acceptable way to express one's sexuality**.”

“Among young adults today, porn use is not the exception. It is the norm.

'The young women who talk to me on campuses about the effect of pornography on their intimate lives speak of feeling that they can never measure up, that they can never ask for what they want; and that if they do not offer what porn offers, they cannot expect to hold a guy. The young men talk about what it is like to grow up learning about sex from porn, and how it is not helpful to them in trying to figure out how to be with a real woman...For the first time in human history, the images' power and allure have supplanted that of real naked women. Today, real naked women are just bad porn.” - Naomi Wolf

*You tell me, in our culture have we made an idol of sex?

Do you think that by not talking about how God created and designed us as sexual beings and the beautiful sexual relations within the bond of marriage has served the Church and the culture well?

Ladies, sexuality plays a big role in our life giving capacity!

I'm not here to talk about illicit sexual encounters, but as **Ephesians 5:14** says, “for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

It takes a strong woman to submit to her husband! Any woman can act out of her fallen nature to compete with her man instead of complete him in his person and calling. But think of the inner strength it took for Christ to submit to the Father to humble himself and come to earth to sacrifice his righteous life for our unrighteous lives.

Last week one of your questions was from...

Phil. 2:5-7, 9 NLT “⁵You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, “Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names...”

What did Jesus do that made His equality with God & His submission to God non-contradictory?

Answer: He didn't hold onto his equality with God/ He didn't cling to His rights, instead, He emptied his divine nature and humbled himself to a criminal's death on a cross.

How are women equal to men, yet called to submit to them as Christ did to God?

Answer: Every woman in a small way faces these choices too; women are equal to men in humanity & value, but are asked to take on the role of submitting to their husbands as helpers and life givers. In this, with Christ as our example, is where ultimately we find our fulfilment of purpose.

So let's look at what life giving is!

Life Giver:

In the midst of the pronouncement of the Curse, like a diamond stepped on in the mud, is this beautiful gift God announces for woman to give life!

Right here God gives us a redo, a chance to bring life where we were the avenue of death.

Listen to

Genesis 3:15 (NLT)

“And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring **and her offspring**. He will strike^[a] your head, and you will strike his heel.”

This is stating that woman will be the means through which God brings forth the One to finally conquer the Enemy through.

This is known as the, protoevangelium, because it is the first promise of the gospel.

Woman being a life giver is a prominent theme throughout the Scriptures. God mentions again that woman will be one through whom life will come.

Gen. 3:16a ESV “To the woman he said, ‘I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children...’”

Adam must have been a man that operated in the gift of faith, because after the heartbreaking news of Gen. 3:14-19 about conflict, pain, sorrow, unfruitful toil, and death, he focuses on the good new found in these verses of woman being a life giver.

He looks at his wife and despite what has just happened Adam chooses to believe God, take leadership and name his wife again to fulfill what God had just said. Adam names his wife, "Eve", which means life! He believed God that through her would come conquering life.

Genesis 3:20 (NLT) "Then the man—Adam—named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all who live."

There is a **list of at least 20 women** who had the faith to be life givers, whether through motherhood or through assisting the process, 7 of which were in the Messianic line:

Eve, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Leah, Tamar, Jochebed, Shiphrah and Puah (midwives), Miriam, Pharaoh's daughter, Monoah's wife, Hannah, Naomi, Ruth, Jehoshabeth, Elizabeth, Mary, Lois and Eunice.

Whether we are single, married or divorced this is for all of us! It is a gift from the Lord that brings life to humanity and everything around us in a multiplicity of ways!

I've had women over the years say I am not a mother, so this doesn't apply to me, but as motherhood is a sacred and extremely vital role for women to embrace, is it not the only way we give life!

Several of the ladies mentioned didn't actually give birth to the prominent men of the Bible, but were powerfully used to bring forth mighty men of God!

Whether young or old, single or married let us trust the Lord, and not give way to hardening our hearts. Life giving is part of our God given feminine design that is needed all around us every day! The only way we are able to give that life is through receiving God's forgiveness, love and grace for us and pouring it out to others. Only through compassionate, tender, nurturing and loving hearts will we be able to fulfill this extremely vital role of life giving. When we do, our domain thrives, but when we wall it off because of unforgiveness, shame, or lack of understanding - all in our domain suffer.

Barbara Mouser notes:

"The story of spiritual victory starts with women. What they do in one generation determines the shape of the spiritual battlefield in the next."

She goes on to share that, **“every major historical epoch of Scripture begins with women.”** “If we went on into Church history, we would be amazed how many great pastors and Bible teachers down through the centuries have been evangelized and trained by their mothers, grandmothers, and other life giving women.” “To summarize, woman has the great role of lifegiver because she is the one who starts life physically and nurtures it spiritually in every generation.”

Women, we are doorways! What are our lives a doorway to? How is it affecting those we love?

OUR BODIES

As a woman God has given us the beautiful physical make up of our feminine bodies. We all have wombs, breasts and the gift of our reproductive system that gives us the ability to be fruitful and multiply those in our image and the image of God. Though being able to give birth to a baby is a beautiful way to be a life giver, it is not the only way.

Our obedience to God is far more important than giving physical birth to a baby.

In Luke 11:27 “As he (Jesus) was speaking, a woman in the crowd called out, “God bless your mother—the womb from which you came, and the breasts that nursed you!”

“²⁸ Jesus replied, “But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice.”

In the final analysis it is not our breasts or wombs that make us great, nor the virility that men take such great pride in. Not physical sexuality, but hearing, receiving and obeying the Word of God! This is what Jesus is saying here.

In **Isaiah 56:3-5** it says, “I will bless those eunuchs who keep my Sabbath days holy **and who choose to do what pleases me and commit their lives to me.**”

One of the amazing things about God as the Master Creator, is He creates the physical to reflect the spiritual. Here is where we see a powerful example of how our spiritual and physical bodies reflect one another. For sure our bodies are not the sum total of who we are, but it is consistent with who God created us to be.

Men usually have broader shoulders than women reflecting God has created them to carry heavy loads of responsibility in providing, protecting and leading the family and church, while defending truth and justice in our communities. They also usually have bigger and stronger bodies than women to carrying the heavy loads that we struggle with. When they do, it is to a man's glory to carry those heavier burdens both physically and spiritually.

In The Aspects is says, "On the other hand, He gave women softer lines, a more expressive face, cozier breasts, a body that can give milk, and a womb that can give life. This physical design is in harmony with our calling to be life givers both physically and spiritually. God has created our spirits and bodies in harmony. A feminine spirit is a nurturing spirit, perfect for filling a feminine body, designed as it is for life giving in every way." Vol. 1 p. 163, 2012 edition

Do you ever find yourself going in circles during your day? Whether the roads you drive, the dishes you wash, the meals you cook or the things you say!

As women we often feel like we are running in circles, did you know our lives consist biblically and naturally of many concentric circles? This is the natural reflecting the spiritual. Maybe understanding God's divine design for some of these areas just might give purpose to what seems so mundane sometimes.

There are the nonpublic areas of our lives that are inner personal spaces that we are to keep private and protected. These areas are between two or more people and for two or more people.

1. The first one is **Virginity**- in Song of Solomon 4:12 it says, "You are my private garden, my treasure, my bride, a secluded spring, a hidden fountain."

And for the single woman, 1 Cor. 7:34 NLT says, "His interests are divided. In the same way, a woman who is no longer married or has never been married can be devoted to the Lord and holy in body and in spirit. But a married woman has to think about her earthly responsibilities and how to please her husband."

*Virginity is a sacred trust of the inner domain of a woman's body for her future husband and for the nation.

5 Aspects, “The purity of a nation’s women is one of the greatest of all natural and human resources, because virginity is the gateway to two things of monumental importance. 1st, it is the gateway to a woman’s capacity to love a man; and second, it is the gateway to a woman’s capacity to give life to children. This gate should never be opened except in marriage.” p. 164 Vol. 1

One of the most powerful ways we give life to men is through our purity!

Prov. 5:9-12 “If you do, you will lose your honor and will lose to merciless people all you have achieved.¹⁰ Strangers will consume your wealth, and someone else will enjoy the fruit of your labor.

¹¹ In the end you will groan in anguish when disease consumes your body.¹² You will say, “How I hated discipline! If only I had not ignored all the warnings!”

If a man’s vitality and virility are not directed to a pure monogamous relationship with his wife, they will be wasted on vain pursuits and pleasures that scatter his life and leave him without a legacy of strength in the final accounting of his life.

When women remain pure and hold out the life giving boundary that any man that wants to have her heart, he must act like a respectable man first. This is one of the most influential ways women help men to step up to their higher nature God created them to walk in. But if we give into their sinful actions, we enable their lower nature and take part in stunting their maturity, this is when we see their virility and vitality wasted, ultimately making the individual, family, church and nation weaker for it.

2. **Lovemaking** is the next inner domain that women are charged to guard and cultivate.

Song of Solomon 5:1a NIV The husband...“I have entered my garden, my treasure,^[a] my bride! I gather myrrh with my spices and eat honeycomb with my honey. I drink wine with my milk.

In this verse Solomon is describing the making love with his wife, as entering a garden of sweet delights. This delight is only for those who have the bond of trust in marriage, where both the husband and wife are protected and out of that love come children in a safe and protected environment. Just as the virgin should guard her purity, a wife should cultivate her purity within the arms of her husband in making love to him and protecting his virility and vitality.

Do you realize every time a husband and wife make love it is renewing their covenant! This is one reason why that part of “making up” often includes not only warm cuddles and embraces, but finally sexual intimacy.

3. **The womb** also is an inner domain that becomes an interpersonal space.

Our first room is our mother’s womb! This is a room to be guarded and protected, for here is where God is the Master Womb Weaver.

Psalms 139:13 NLT “You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb.”

“The sacred trust of the womb is being violated on a monumental scale in our country and around the world. Do we know why there is so much abortion? It goes back to the first trust. We violate the womb because we violate virginity. We have not been pure lovers, so we refuse to be pure mother.” 5 Aspects Vol.1 p. 166

4. **Breasts** for women are an inner space for her to guard and tend, through which her encircling arms nourish and comfort us all. We first know this sacred circle of bonding when we are born and are held and nourished at our mother’s breasts, whether breast or bottle fed. It is here that the human family finds the warmth and personal touch nurturing us through hugs, kisses, cuddles and embraces that are so vital for us all.

Then there is the mystery of the unequalled beauty and intoxicating power that God has given women in their breasts.

Prov. 5:19b-20 NLT “She is a loving deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you always.

May you always be captivated by her love. ²⁰ Why be captivated, my son, by an immoral woman, or fondle the breasts of a promiscuous woman?”

Our feminine embrace and breasts are a trust given to us in the circle of life to comfort, encourage, nourish and within marriage exhilarate... an encouragement a husband should only receive from his wife.

5. **The home** is an interpersonal domain that was first created by God and is the main area woman gives life.

Titus 2:4-5 NLT “⁴ These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children, ⁵ to live wisely and be pure, **to work in their homes,** ⁶ to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God.”

The art of mothering and making a home a place of fruitfulness is a gift and responsibility given to women by God to cultivate and keep for Him and for the human race. Without it, where will the human family grow and mature in a loving and nurturing environment?

As we talked about at the beginning today, there is a host of threats to our young people, men and women. We desperately need homes that are a loving and safe place to cultivate relationships in the security of warmth and godliness.

Because the inner domain of the home is a unique place that women are divinely designed to cultivate in ways most men are challenged, we get to be the ones who make our homes really flourish.

Here are three terms used in the Aspects that will help delineated areas of importance:

Housekeeping is where we care for the daily routines that bring order to our domains.

Homemaking is an important job, whether single or married, where we create a secure place for rest, learning and fellowship in a loving atmosphere. Here we will find an array of beauty, good and nutritious food with books and conversations to stimulate encouragement and learning.

House-building Proverbs 14:1 talks about “A wise woman builds her home, but a foolish woman tears it down with her own hands.” NLT

This is the long term life work of helping a man, creating and nurturing a family (whether yours or someone elses), producing wealth, earning a reputation, blessing the local church and community, strengthening the nation, and thus influencing the world. This is what we do to, “give roots and wings” to those around us. This is through the foundations we build through prayers we pray and the Word we teach to strengthen our families in Christ.

The celebrations we host, memories we make, blessings we give and examples we uphold as worthy goals for our lives are all part of building a home that will stand on the Rock of Christ and not fall on the sands of time.

Sisters, we are in a day where the dark is getting darker and the light is getting lighter. You were designed to SHiNE, may we receive the loving corrections from our Heavenly Father in any area we have bought into the fallen cultural mindsets of the day, and by God's grace be renewed in our life giving. The Lord knows this is our time to SHiNE!

Read 2 paragraphs: Life givers challenges from pg. 169 # 6.1 & 6.2 Vol. 1 2012 Edition