

TITLE: THE EGALITARIAN'S POSITION ON MANHOOD AND WOMANHOOD

Message #5

Biblical Manhood and Womanhood

THE EGALITARIAN'S THEME

- ❑ Removing or denying many differences between men and women.
- ❑ The over-emphasis is on equality.
- ❑ Their views open the door to the effeminate left.
- ❑ Evangelical feminism is one of the new paths to theological liberalism.
- ❑ Requires identical roles and authority

THE EGALITARIAN'S VIEW OF GOD

- Mutual submission in the Trinity.

THE EGALITARIAN'S VIEW OF MAN AND WOMEN

- No gender-based role differences in marriage.
- NO “Mars-Venus” differences.
- The man is often seen as a wimp and the woman as the usurper.

THE EGALITARIAN'S VIEW OF MARRIAGE

- “Mutual Submission”
- Often the husband is seen as a “wimp” and the wife as the “usurper.”

THE EGALITARIAN'S VIEW OF CHILDREN

- Children raised with too little discipline.
- Children raised with little respect for authority.

THE EGALITARIAN'S VIEW OF FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

- All responsibilities shared equally between husband and wife, or divided according to gifts and interests.

THE EGALITARIAN'S VIEW OF SEX

- Men often become un-masculine, unattractive to women.
- Women become un-feminine, unattractive to men.
- There is ambivalence toward sex.

THE EGALITARIAN'S VIEW OF NATURAL DESIRES

- There is a direction, a moving “contrary to nature” (Romans 1:26).

THE EGALITARIAN'S VIEW OF THE CHURCH

- There is no governing or teaching roles in church reserved for men.
- They are opposed to only men as pastors.
- Churches which ordained women forty years ago are now asking the question? “Should we now ordain homosexuals and lesbians to the ministry?”

THE EGALITARIAN'S VIEW OF AUTHORITY

- There is a suspicion of authority.

THE EGALITARIAN'S VIEW OF SPORTS

- They are anti-competition.

THE EGALITARIAN'S VIEW OF CRIME

- The criminal is seen as the victim who needs to be helped. He is not to be punished or punishment long delayed.

THE EGALITARIAN'S VIEW OF PROPERTY

- No one is allowed to be very rich.
- There is a large-scale dependence on welfare state and government.
- There is a tendency to abolish social classes.

THE EGALITARIAN'S VIEW OF EDUCATION

- There is systematic pressure to make boys and girls do equally well in all subjects.

EGALITARIAN BOOKS, ORGANIZATIONS, LEADERS, ETC.

- They have a journal called *Mutuality* published by an egalitarian organization called Christians for Biblical Equality.
- Gretchen Gabelein Hull – *Equal to Serve*
- Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen – *Gender and Grace*
- Sarah Sumner – *Men and Women in the Church*
- Gilbert Bilezikian, Gordon Fee, Kevin Giles, Richard and Catherine Kroeger, William Webb, I Howard Marshall
- InterVarsity Press