

Who do you know who is a praying woman? Have you ever asked her to pray in a specific way and seen God answer her prayer? How? How has she influenced you?

How have you seen her live out the following statement?

A woman who has great power with God empowers those above her, beside her, and beneath her to flourish in their God-given roles.

How would you describe the shift that has taken place in this generation's thinking about gender? What impact has it had on our culture? What impact has it had on you or your family?

When did you first notice the difference between boys and girls? What did you notice?

If you are married, do you sometimes have a conflict over the different perspectives men and women have? Describe a recent conflict over gender differences.

How do you complement your spouse?

How do men and women complement each other in our church?

Did your parents model biblical gender roles in your home?

1) She leverages her power with the right adornment. (v.9-10)

God is not forbidding the use of hairstyles, jewelry, or nice clothing. He is forbidding the misuse of those things. How have you seen things misused? Have you misused them?

Women: Are you tempted to compare your value with other women based on your perception of their external beauty? Have you tried increasing your perceived worth with a new hairstyle, jewelry, or expensive clothing.

Which do you spend more time, energy, and money on...making yourself externally beautiful or internally beautiful?

Men can make the same mistake! Guys, are you looking to the right place to find your value?

Have you ever felt awkward around someone who was immodestly dressed? Have you ever had an awkward conversation around that issue? Describe it.

How have you tried to teach your children modesty?

2) She values her role as the right complement. (v.11-14)

Are you a learner? What is the most impactful thing you have learned in church recently?

Pastor Trent defined submissiveness in church as *a woman's inclination to follow and affirm qualified pastors and elders of her local church. It is her disposition to use all of her creativity, intuition, strength, influence, and prayers to carry out their direction for the purpose of fulfilling the great commission.*

Discuss this definition. Do you believe this is a low view of women? What impact would it have on church if every women valued her complementary role in the church?

At Harvest we believe that women can fill every leadership role in the church except those the bible says are specifically reserved for men. Where do you see women in leadership roles at Harvest?

The story of Adam and Even demonstrates a key principle in God-created order. *Whoever is given the authority is also given the responsibility.* How does this principle free women in the church from weight that God designed men to carry?

3) She prioritizes her influence as the right parent. (v.15)

Discuss Pastor Trent's explanation of v. 15 - *The greatest demonstration of God's saving grace in a woman's life is her loving, faithful, holy, sacrificial influence on her children. When she prioritizes her children over her own needs and desires she proves she is saved. Having children doesn't save you. Sacrificially loving and caring for them as a priority is a proof that you are saved.*

Some women are physically unable to bear children. Has this been a heartache for you?

Not being able to bear a child does not preclude you from raising a child. What are some ways you can demonstrate a heart for children and the high calling of moms?

What adjustments to your schedule, your lifestyle, or your attitude do you need to make to prioritize your influence as a parent?

Where do you go for parenting advice?

Hold one another accountable for these five applications from the message.

- 1) Pray for your pastors and elders.
- 2) Don't play the comparison game with others.
- 3) Become a student of God's Word.
- 4) Find younger men and women to invest in.
- 5) Make room in your life and home for children.

Additional Scripture

- 1Peter 3:1-6
- Titus 2:1-10
- Proverbs 31:10-31
- Hebrews 13:17
- 1Corinthians 11:3
- Ephesians 5:22-33