

How to Be a Godly Person in an Ungodly World: Part One Bryan Garlock

When one examines our generation with all of its achievements both recent and past, one can easily conclude that we are in a spiraling downfall. Yet Solomon in all his wisdom said, "... there is nothing new under the sun" (Eccl. 1.9).

Every generation has faced increasing depravity. For instance, Jesus called His generation an "evil and adulterous generation..." (Matt. 16.4). Peter told the Jews, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation" (Acts 2.40). Finally, Paul said, "...in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God..." (2 Tim. 3.1ff; compare this list with Romans 1.29-31). Interestingly, all of these things that Paul said would come in the "last days" where already there and were, according to Solomon, nothing new.

Simply put, we live in an ungodly world. It was so much so that in Noah's day God determined to destroy every living thing on earth because "[t]he Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6.5).

One might ask how any good can come from such perverted beings. Fortunately, God in His infinite wisdom created a way for a light to shine in this dark world when He purposed that all who would become His children would be conformed to the image of His Son (Rom. 8.29, etc.). In this series of articles let us first examine how women are to be godly.

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Announcements

- Remember the shut in's.
- Pray for the church and one another.
- Remember the spiritual sick among us.
- Call or email Bryan to add announcements, thanks.
- We need volunteers for door knocking. Please see Bryan.
- We need volunteers for picking folks up. Please see Bryan.

Five Day A Week Reading Plan

Mon: Job 15-19 Tues: Job 20-24 Wed: Job 25-29 Thurs: Job 30-34 Fri: Job 35-39 We live in a society where women are only glorified for their career endeavors, sex appeal, etc. Social media and television has done a tremendous job of downplaying the godly woman and her godly characteristics. For instance, if any women do not control their men and "rule the roost" they are social outcasts, failures and nothing more than "barefoot and pregnant;" or at least that is how television portrays the twenty-first century woman. Many claim there is a "war on women" if women are not allowed to have a right over their own bodies and do not receive the same compensation and opportunities, among other things, as us "lowly men." Commercials, magazines, television shows, etc. depict and worship the woman as the leader, the sex figure, and the one no longer in submission to the man, but instead his ruler. Women who do not conform to this model really serve no purpose in society and can only benefit themselves and everyone around them if their bodies are glorified and if they are independent and control their man. If this writer's summation seems farfetched to any readers, please consider how our society views women. This synopsis is quite censored.

The above is truly unfortunate. Many do not realize that the real war on women is how Satan deceives and how society brainwashes her to believe she cannot be worthy if she following a different set of rules. However, their rules only further the darkness and the wickedness of our generation. There is no telling what the next generation will hold! The only way women can change the world is if they conform to God's ways.

If you are a woman who is being influenced by the world to be something other than what your Creator has purposed for you, do not be led astray. You are doing exactly what you were created for. Your role was not God's afterthought, but His eternal forethought. In fact, everything God does was based on His eternal infinite wisdom. Consider that in the same breath that He determined that Jesus was to die for our sins, He determined how His chosen people would be conformed to His Son's image. Included in His design were mothers and wives.

There are three major areas in which godly women shine: their submission to their husbands, their child rearing and their leadership in the home. These are the most significant qualities any God-fearing woman should aim for. We will develop these points in our next segment. BG