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"The Church Is Built on Leadership: Males Only"

Why a message on Male Only Leadership?

This mini-series on leadership is not because leaders are better at doing ministry than others; but because God installed leaders and authority in all His ordained institutions: family, government and the church. I'll let you deal with the issue of women in government leadership. There were queens (II Kings 11:1-20) and judges (Judges 4-5) who were females that ruled.

The primary leaders he established is to be male.

1. I believe it is Biblical to address it. II Tim. 3:16
2. I believe it is necessary and critical to address it.

We live in an increasingly culture that seeks to be politically correct. We lived through the feminist agenda; but today it has become the "politically correct" agenda. To call this "Male Only" seems to be filled with bigotry, discrimination and unfair. This culture will quickly paint you in a corner that no ones wants to be painted in - unless that is where God is.

3. I believe it is practical to address it.

We are faced with an decreased number of men who are both qualified and willing. So this has great implications practically on the church for the future.

1. God created male and female equally in the image of God.

Genesis 1: 26 "Then God said, 'Let us make man in Our image...." verse 27 "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

Only in Genesis 2 (more detail account) do we see God created man first.

We were both equally created with dignity and value from God. No one is superior or inferior due to their gender. Thus, there should never be any abuse of a gender toward another.

We should honor one another and value one another.

The book says, "Men are from Mars and women are from Venus," but the truth is "Both are from God"

We were made in the image of God: means to resemble God.

* We resemble God in our ability to be moral individuals; to be intellectual; to love; to forgive; to reason; to be holy.
* We resemble God in that we are triune: we have a mind, a body and a spirit.
* We are made to relate to God.
* We are made to be personally responsible.
* Thus, no racisim or sexism should ever be in God's church.

But the roles are different between man and woman:

* Man was made to the be the head.

I Corinthians 11: 3 "As the head of every man is Christ, and the head of a woman is man, and the head of Christ is God."

I Corinthians 11: 8 "Man is not from woman, but woman from the man."

Ephesians 5:23 "Husband is the head of the wife."

Headship is a picture of authority and the naming privileges that Adam was given in naming all the animals and in naming Eve was a privilege of authority. But this authority is not to be used as abusive or overpowering, but in humility recognizing it came from God and all men will have to give an account to God for it.

* Woman was made to be the helper.

Genesis 2: 18, 20 both read that she was made to be a helper.

These two are to compliment each other, fit together, work together to make it go. Before sin ever entered the world, God said "it was not good" for man to be alone. We need each other.

While these roles changed after the fall, they were not destroyed. This is God's best for mankind.

2. Men and women both have equal value to God, to the church and equal access to all the blessings of salvation.
Galatians 3: 28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Jesus Christ."

We'll finish this message next week.