

Simply Relate

The Differences Between Men and Women

I. Introduction

II. God made men and women different on purpose!

- A. God used different Hebrew words to describe how He made Adam and Eve.
1. Genesis 2:7 (NAS) *Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*
 - a. "Formed" (Yatsar) - to mold or squeeze into shape as a potter does
 2. Genesis 2:22 (NAS) *And the LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.*
 - a. "Fashioned" (Panah) - to be skillfully formed
 3. I Peter 3:7a (NAS) *You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way.*
- B. Some differences between men and women:
1. Physical
 2. Emotions and hormones
 3. Goal-oriented vs. Relationship-oriented
 4. Women crave intimacy—Intimacy does not mean sex (if married)
 5. Friends: Face-to-face vs. side by side
 6. Other miscellaneous differences between the sexes....
- C. We must learn to be patient with one another about our differences!
1. I Corinthians 13:4-5a (LB) *⁴Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, ⁵never haughty or selfish or rude.*
 2. I Thessalonians 5:11 (NAS) *Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing.*

III. Because of our unique differences, God even spoke differently to Adam and Eve!

- A. Genesis 3:9 (NAS) *Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"*
1. Men usually want the bottom line!
 2. Most men think through an issue before they speak!
 3. Most men like to offer solutions!
- B. Genesis 3:13a (NAS) *Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"*
1. God gives Eve a chance to explain!
 2. "Most women talk about things as a means of finding out what they think." (Brenda Hunter, Ph.D.)
 - a. "How did that make you feel?"
 - b. Most women don't like direct questions.
 3. Average word use per day difference
- C. We must make choices to respect each other's differences and learn how the opposite sex relates!
1. Proverbs 24:3 (NAS) *By wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established.*
- D. I Corinthians 13:7 (LB) *If you love someone you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him.*

IV. Conclusion

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