

Living out the cross

vs

Living out the curse

Genesis 3:16 NASB - To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you."

It is in the curse that the dynamics of relationship between man and woman, and I would contend it is really the dynamics of husband and wife, was drastically changed. It was in the curse that a wife/woman came under the rule of her husband/man.

Genesis 3:16 ESV - To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you."

Genesis 4:7 ESV - If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."

The word desire

teshûqâh. (tesh-oo-kaw')

Strong's Definition

From H7783 in the original sense of *stretching* out after; a ***longing***: - desire.

Brown-Driver-Briggs' Definition

1 desire, longing, craving

a of man for woman

b of woman for man

c of beast to devour

4 Goals I Hope We Accomplish

1. I want to try and demonstrate the passages that Paul wrote regarding women are passages centered in living out the cross rather than clinging to the curse.
2. I want to try and demonstrate that the Husband/Wife relationship has the opportunity to be one of the greatest testimonies to cross centered living when lived out as “one flesh”.
3. I want to try and demonstrate that there are times for a woman to be silent, just as there are times for a man to be silent.
4. I want to try and demonstrate that whatever your view is on these very difficult passages, and they are difficult, it needs to bring the beauty of Christ to the world.

How, then, are we to
live the Bible
TODAY?

Acts 2:44 - All the believers were together and had everything in common.

What does that mean?

We must recognize that great plea of the N.T. is to live in like-mindedness/unity and that is one of the greatest testimonies of Jesus Christ in our lives to the world.

A word of caution using the statement, “Salvation Issue”.

We must be brave enough to admit that all of us pick & choose what we are going to live out in our faith. None of us live out everything the bible calls us to be and do.

A few simple examples:

James 1:26-27 - sometimes we completely ignore what scripture says.

John 13:14-15 - sometimes we change it to a principle that is being taught.

Sabbath - In the book of Acts there is only one time we observe the followers of Jesus meeting on the first day of the week, all the rest was on the Sabbath. First day of the week was not consistently followed until Constantine's Law of 321. - sometimes we morph one thing in scripture into another thing.

Charismatic gifts - sometimes we say, "that was then, this is now."

Surrendering Possessions - Luke 12:33 & Luke 14:33 - sometimes we justify our actions by "those were special expectations for Jesus' personal disciples or I know what it says, but that's not really what it means."

Ephesians 3:3-7 - How do we apply this passage to our lives?

How many of us want to really admit that we are picking and choosing the *what and how* of living out the bible rather than being obedient to the whole word of God?