

# Woman: Created by God ~ Under Authority

*As we begin our series of a **Portrait of a Woman According to the Scriptures**, pray and ask the Lord to open your heart and mind to His word and the work of His Holy Spirit.*

*"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."*

*Genesis 1:27*

1. Read **Genesis 1:26-31** and **Genesis 2:1-7 & 15-25** for a detailed account of the creation of mankind.

After creating man and woman, what were God's thoughts?

2. How does God see woman in comparison with man? Does He see them differently? Does He love them differently?

3. What does **Galatians 3:28** add to your previous answer?

4. Read **Psalm 139:13-16**.

From verses 14 & 15 look up the following words in a dictionary and write their definitions.

Formed ~

Fearfully ~

Wonderfully ~

Marvelous ~

Skillfully ~

*"For we are His workmanship (the expression of His heart), created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."  
Ephesians 2:10*

5. Now that you have looked up the meaning to the words in question four, write your thoughts concerning God's creation of you.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. After the "Fall of Man" what was/is woman's position? See **Genesis 3:16**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What authority structure is given in **1 Corinthians 11:3**?

8. Why do you think God designed the authority structure the way in which He did?  
See **1 Timothy 2:12-14**

9. Look up the word “**authority**” and write its definition.

10. In your own words write down what it means, in a practical way, to be under authority.

11. Think about what the authority structure looked like in your family as you grew up.

Wife	Children	God
Husband	Wife	Husband
Children	Husband	Wife
God	God	Children

a. Think about the fruit that was produced or could be produced from each of the above.

b. Now think about the authority structure in your home today. Is it out of God’s intended order?

c. If so, what can you do to help make the authority structure right in your home?

12. What does the Bible teach us about authority in **Romans 13:1-7** and **Titus 3:1-2**?

13. If we resist the authorities over us, then we are really resisting God. Is there an authority figure in your life to which you have trouble submitting? If yes, why do you think this is?

*This week pray for this relationship that the Lord would change your attitude and heart to help you submit fully to this person and to come under God's authority in all areas of your life.*

14. Humbling oneself is an act of the will. Note in **Philippians 2:5-11** how Jesus Christ willingly put Himself under God's authority in order to secure man's redemption.

a. What was Christ's position originally? (*verse 6*)

b. What did He choose to do? (*verses 7 and 8*)

c. How did the Father honor His obedience? (*verses 9-11*)

15. Read **Acts 4:18-22** and **Acts 5:26-29**. What must be our guiding principle when choosing to **dis**obey a civil authority?

**16.** What blessings can you see in being beneath the covering of:

God's authority?

The Government's authority?

Your husband's authority?

Church leadership's authority?

Your employer's authority?

*~ For the married ~*

**17.** Do you consider coming under your husband's authority a blessing? Why or why not?

**18.** Are there certain areas that you struggle with in coming under your husband's authority? What can you do to turn the struggle into a joy?

**19.** What are some of the practical ways you come under your husband's authority each day?

*~ For all women ~*

**20.** How do you make it easier for men to fulfill their God-given calling to lead in the home, the church and the society?

**21.** What words, actions and attitudes on your part will help Christian men around you fulfill their godly roles as men?

**22.** Is your life helping and blessing the men around you in ways that promote their holiness and godliness?

**23.** In the way that you talk to and about men, do you show their God-created worth and values?

*This week, ask the Lord to help you submit to your husband, your employer or anyone who is in authority over you with a joy-filled heart!*