



## WOMAN: A DEFINITION

### I. Core Contributions of Men and Women From the Scriptures and From History

A. Men are the bearers of \_\_\_\_\_. As men \_\_\_\_\_ so goes society.

1. Genesis 2-3: The man was created by God with a unique \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in mind.

2. Defection from this leadership spells trouble not just for the man, but for \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Women are the \_\_\_\_\_ of life. Where that core contribution is \_\_\_\_\_ society prospers.

1. I Timothy 2:15

2. "Women are \_\_\_\_\_ not when given position and power, but when the creative contributions of the \_\_\_\_\_ are upheld." -Margaret Mead

### II. A Real Woman is One Who...

A. \_\_\_\_\_ worldly temptations for significance

Emotions v. Truth

Independence v. Interdependence

Outer v. Inner Beauty

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ God's design for relationships**

Head and Helper

Nurture for Control

**C. \_\_\_\_\_ the next generation**

Genesis 3:20

A Word to "Stay At Home" Moms:

A Word to "Older" Women:

Titus 2:3-5

**D. \_\_\_\_\_ the greater reward-God's reward**

Proverbs 31:10-31

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***Discussion Questions:***

1. From our Reflection Assignment last week: Describe a recent incident in which you were dependent, manipulative, or controlling. List some ways you could have handled the situation differently. What would have been a more "helpful" response?
2. In the past, what have you thought would make you "significant"?
3. Have you thought of "independent" and "dependent" as the only two choices for how women relate to men? How does the idea of "interdependence" change things?
4. Apart from being mothers, how can women "Nurture the Next Generation"?
5. What does it mean to you to expect a reward from God for following His design? How does that look?
6. What does it look like for you to have the freedom to nurture? What might God be leading you to change so that you can be free to nurture?