

Real Grapes - 14 October 2016

DESIGNED BY LOVE

GENDER AND SEXUAL PRACTICE

The reason for our series...

Our rules of engagement...

Our approach...

So far we have learned that gender:

- Confers equality
- Lies at the root of our identity
- Is God's ideal for each one of us
- Provides order
- Models the Gospel
- Calls all men to exercise headship...
- ...and all women to practise submission.

Passage: Genesis 2:18-25...

The nature of Genesis 2:24...

TEACHING POINTS FROM GENESIS 2:24

*“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife,
and they shall become one flesh.”*

Marriage.

The first divine institution - creational and pre-Fall

‘Leaving’

‘Cleaving’

SEXUAL PRACTICE

1. **Sexual Practice Is The Ultimate Expression Of Marriage.**

“one flesh”

2. **Such Sexual Practice Is Of Supreme Significance.**

Ephesians 5:31-32

Mark 10:6-9

Revelation 19:7, 9

Revelation 21:2

Revelation 21:9

3. **Such Sexual Practice Is Contained Within Clear Boundaries.**

Genesis 2:25

4. **Such Sexual Practice Excludes All Alternatives.**

1 Corinthians 6:18

John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11

Ephesians 6:12

APPLICATIONS:

Love and honour the boundary.

Hate all that seeks so enticingly to lure us across that boundary - art, literature, culture, media, entertainment, advertizing, celebrity...

Admit our failures in this area and be humbled.

Recognize the power of the Gospel

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Love the Gospel.

In the power of the Gospel receive deliverance.

In the power of the Gospel stand for the Gospel.

Cherish the opportunity the corruption of our generation offers...