

# TRULY HUMAN

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## Review: Framing the Issue

- Culture
- Spiritually Blind
- Struggling Christian

## Foundations of Gender

1. Most biblical instruction is addressed to both men and women.
2. Gender is binary. There are men and women, male and female.  
[Genesis 2; Matthew 19:1-12]
3. Men and women are equally valuable as image bearers.  
[Gen. 1:26-27; Gal. 3:28]
4. Men and women are different; designed by God in complementary relationship.  
[Genesis 2-3]

5. The difference between men and women is most clearly demonstrated in the family, church and in gender-specific instructions.  
[Marriage: Eph. 5:22-33; 1 Ptr. 3:1-7; Church: 1 Cor. 11:3-16; 1 Tim. 2:8-15, 3:1-13; Other: Deut. 22:5; Titus 2:1-5; 1 Cor. 16:13-14]
  
6. Within the binary of male and female, masculinity and femininity are each a spectrum that necessarily overlap.  
[1 Thess. 2:7-12; Proverbs 31; Gal. 5:22-26; variance in masculinity/femininity in biblical characters]

## **Implications**

### **Lifework:**

1. Reflect on the goodness of God in making human beings male and female. How does this difference bring glory to Him? How does the goodness of that difference intersect with your life?
2. How is God calling you to mature as a man or as a woman? How might you help others in this way?
3. What would it look like to advocate for the goodness of gender differences? How might this advocacy affect your family life or come into conflict with the culture around you?
4. What are the similarities and differences between biblical and cultural expectations of gender? How can we distinguish between the two?