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“Ban Bossy”?

*Who leads your family?
Does God have any say in the matter?*

Further evidence of America’s rebellion against God is seen in a nationwide campaign called “Ban Bossy.” They say assertive girls are called bossy instead of being encouraged to lead, and “By middle school, girls are less interested in leading than boys—a trend that continues into adulthood. Together we can encourage girls to lead.”

Why does the trend they are fighting exist? In part, it is because some people value God’s plan for the family. *The husband is head of the wife* (Eph. 5:23). In the beginning, God planned for man to lead (1 Tim. 2:11-13). That is God’s decision, not man’s. The home is the training ground for life, so it is practical for boys to be more assertive than girls.

Boys must be trained to lead by making sacrificial, not selfish, decisions (Eph. 5:25). Sadly, many boys never see loving leadership. Fathers often leave the family or force submission by angry words or physical attacks. No wonder many women hate the word “submit” and want to lead!

The work of a wife will require some leadership skills because she will be directing a host of activities (see Prov. 31; Ti. 2:5), so teaching girls some of those skills is good as long as they are taught all of God’s plan for the home.

Wives, submit to your own husbands (Eph. 5:22). Girls who are taught leadership skills while also prepared to submit to their husbands receive the best training possible. The problem is that the “Ban Bossy” campaign will not lead in promoting this practice! Their agenda is quite different.

Those who view submission as insulting or demeaning do not understand true submission. Jesus submitted to the Father (Heb. 5:8). Christians submit to the government (Rom. 13:1). Christians submit to God’s local leaders (1 Pet. 5:1-4). Even the husband’s leadership is an act of submission to God!

Parents, teach your boys to become loving leaders who follow God. Parents, teach your girls that God is the boss and prepare them to submit to God in marriage.

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Jesus & Religion

What has God said about religion—is it good or bad?

Our society is skeptical of almost everything. This is good if it keeps us from believing what is unproven but bad if it keeps us from believing what is proven. For example, many people are skeptical of religion. Often they have only seen abused, false, man-made religion so they assume all religion is the same. They might even hear *religious groups* say “Jesus didn’t bring religion. You don’t need religion, you need Jesus.” This is a lie. True religion belongs to Jesus!

The same Bible that tells us Jesus lives also tells us about *pure religion* (James 1:27). This means personal giving, such as caring for people in real need. It requires self-denial (*keep oneself unspotted from the world*), meaning we must avoid adultery, homosexuality, jealousy, and false religion. It also means we must worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24). Avoiding worship or religion means I am ignoring Jesus’ teaching!

Are you diligently seeking the pure religion Jesus established when He gave man His plan to forgive sin, add man to Himself, and add man to His church (Acts 2:38, 47; 5:14)? Answers to questions about pure religion are in the Bible. Contact us if we can help you find God’s answers there.

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this. . . (Jas 1:27)

You are invited to:
Sunday AM Bible classes:
10:00AM
Sunday AM Worship:
10:45AM
Sunday PM Worship:
5:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes
& Worship: **7:00 PM**

Who Is In Control?

The winter weather played havoc with our plans in early March for our gospel meeting. The weather often reminds us that we are not in control! Then we must answer “Who is in control?”

Some say “No one is in control” or “We cannot not know who is in control,” despite all of the evidence to the contrary. God’s existence is known by the things that are made (Rom. 1:18-20). If you know that every house has a builder, even if you do not know who the builder is, then you know that *someone* made this world (Heb. 3:4).

Some say “God is in control, but He has to work a miracle on your heart before you can obey Him.” But, faith comes by hearing—being persuaded by words of truth and reason (Rom. 10:17; Acts 26:25). Being humbled and persuaded by the gospel is not miraculous but is the effect of truth.

God is in control and allows us to make choices. All who obey the gospel will suffer but be rewarded. All who do not obey will suffer and be punished (1 Pet. 4:14-17; Mk. 16:16).

God gives us opportunities to know who is in control and decide who we will serve. What’s your choice?

Questions from this issue’s articles:

1. What kind of decisions does God expect the husband to make?
2. Name some responsibilities God has given to wives.
3. Where do we learn about true religion?
4. What are the consequences of choosing not to serve God?

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