

The Gospel Unashamed

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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Fish and Bicycles



There is a well-known feminist saying that says, "A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle". Recently, I read that Gloria Steinem attributed this quote to Irina Dunn. Gloria said that Irina wrote it on the wall in a bathroom stall when she was twenty-two years old. I had heard the saying before but had no idea how or where it originated.

The account of the origin of this saying started me thinking. When this young woman wrote this on the wall, she was probably sitting on a toilet that was designed, built, and installed by a man. If that toilet were to start leaking or get plugged, she would probably call a man to fix the problem. The water for that toilet probably came from a water treatment plant that was primarily built, run, and maintained by men. The stall she was in was probably designed, built, and installed by men. The wall she wrote on was probably built by a man or crew of men as was the building that this wall was part of. The light in that

room was probably installed by a man. The bulb in that light was invented by a man named Thomas Edison. The electricity that ran the light bulb was discovered and produced by men. The wiring for the light was probably installed by men. We have not even mentioned the climate control system for this building either. This list could surely go on and on, but you get the idea.

It is easy to sit atop a porcelain throne and think that you have no need for anyone or anything. But the reality is that we all take for granted most everything we use daily. All those things are designed, built, and maintained by other people. The truth is that we all depend on all sorts of things that are provided by others. It is downright ungrateful to ignore that fact.

But when it comes to the "battle of the sexes", God and nature are both clear. Men need women, and women need men. Neither can exist for long without the other. Every man has a mother, and every woman has a father.

"11 Nevertheless, **neither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man**, in the Lord. 12 For **as woman came from man, even so man also**

comes through woman; but all things are from God." **I Corinthians 11:11-12 (NKJV)**

We ought to stop attacking each other and putting one another down. Instead, we ought to appreciate one another especially for our differences. Beyond that, we ought to remember the last part of the passage above, "**all things are from God**". None of us exist apart from Him. We ought to glorify Him as God and be thankful for all that He has provided us.

If it is true that, "A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle", then I guess that fish must need bicycles. Certainly, mankind without womankind or womankind without mankind are just fish out of water destined for death. But even more importantly, anyone without God is a fish that will end up fried.