

“Mama Bear Apologetics”

Chapter 14

XV. Chapter 14 - The Future Is Female

Feminism: Feminism can essentially mean two different things:

Wanting equality between the two genders, or wanting to eliminate any difference between the two genders.

Current day feminism is an all out war against patriarchy. They believe only a complete transformation of society from the ground up will free women.

A. First-Wave Feminism - 1900's to 1960's (pgs 237-238)

1. Egalitarian Feminist: Similar to today's feminist. "...operate in the same roles as men"
2. Maternal Feminist: "rights and equality within their unique roles as mothers and caregivers"

B. Second-Wave Feminism - 1960's (pgs 238-240)

1. "...focused on the message of self-determination and autonomy"
"My body, my choice"
2. This was a "cultural shift toward devaluing home life"

C. Third-Wave Feminism (This Means War) - 1980's (pgs 240-241)

1. "...have declared all-out war on the supposed patriarchy"
2. "...once you're taught to look for systemic misogyny, you'll find it everywhere"

D. RECOGNIZE the Message: Confusing messaging

1. Girl power! Emphasis on one gender above another
2. Stop the war on women! "(Ahem...linguistic theft?)" Commitment to abortion "rights"
3. Men are superfluous: Reinforce female autonomy and male incompetence
4. Anything men can do, women can do better

E. OFFER Discernment: "A victim who is desperate to be heard will overlook the flaws of a movement that is willing to listen and be angry on her behalf" (pg 243)

1. Lie #1: Our Seemingly Democratic Society Is Really About Men Controlling Women
2. Lie #2: Biology Is Unfair: Abortion levels the playing field
3. Lie #3: The Traditionally Masculine Domain Is More Important: Traditional feminine roles are of lesser value
4. Lie #4: The Right to Complete Autonomy Trumps Even the Right to Life: "Equality" at any cost

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5. Lie #5: Feminism Freed Women: Moved men into less commitment and women into 2 jobs (home and work)
 6. Lie #6: Anger Is Power: Mistaking the energy from anger for empowerment
- F. ARGUE for a Healthier Approach: “ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:28
1. Recognize that there is no one-size-fits-all version of feminism: Chew and spit
 2. Have compassion on angry feminists: Hidden wounds?
 3. Male and female He created them: Equal value and dignity
- G. REINFORCE Through Discussion, Discipleship, and Prayer
1. Discuss God-given gender differences
 2. Properly define “weaker vessel”: Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.
 3. Teach healthy gender perspectives
 4. Healthy gender relationships begin in the home

“The challenge we have as moms is to elevate femininity without denigrating masculinity. We shouldn’t fight for women to be identical to men because we’re not. Nor should we shame men for not being more like women.” (pgs 248-249)