

*I am an intelligent and strong woman; but, I cannot fit into gender roles at all. What is wrong with me?*

I don't know that there's anything wrong with you. Regarding differences in the sexes, scripture says that women are the weaker vessel (1 Pe 3:7). They are to live as God intended (Deut 22:5, Mt 19:4).

Women are equal to men (Ge 2:18,20)--endowed with intelligence like a men (e.g. Eve *also* named the animals [Ge 2:19, 20; Col 3:10]). Adam<sup>1</sup> merely means humankind (Ge 2:19).<sup>2</sup>

Part of woman's curse was that she would look to her husband for fulfillment when she had looked to God in perfect fellowship: "Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." Ge 3:16.

Submission between husband and wife is mutual (Eph 5:21).

Unfortunately, women are treated disrespectfully in many cultures. That was not what God intended for them. God said that everything was "very good" (Ge 1:31). After the fall; however, everything became bad (Ge 3;16).

Today, many women are treated disdainfully in society. Evil women help to perpetuate their own enslavement to sin (Jn 8:34) by asking for the right to be used like prostitutes (Gal 5:19) and even for the right to murder their own children! Pr 8:36. If only Eve could see the result of her choice to sin.

Though she is far from the garden, a woman should try to see herself as God sees her not as the culture sees her (Pr 31). The Lord Jesus loves women in all: shapes, sizes, colors and creeds<sup>3</sup> (Ga 3:28).

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<sup>1</sup> אָדָם, אָדָם, אָדָם ['adam /aw-dawm/] n Strong, J. (1995). Enhanced Strong's Lexicon. Woodside Bible Fellowship.

<sup>2</sup> Eve existed inside of Adam (Gen. 2:21–25). Adam retained the name (אָדָם, אָדָם, אָדָם) for himself.

<sup>3</sup> Women. Good traits of: obedience (1 Pet. 3:5–7), concern for children (Ex. 2:2–10), loyalty (Ruth 1:14–18), desire for children (1 Sam. 1:9–28), modesty (Esth. 1:10–12), industry (Prov. 31:10–31), complete devotion (Luke 7:38–50), tenderness (John 11:20–35). Bad traits of: inciting to evil (Gen. 3:6, 7), crafty (Prov. 7:10), fond of adornments (Is. 3:16–24), self-indulgent (Is. 32:9, 11), easily led into idolatry (Jer. 7:18), led away (2 Tim. 3:6). Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index (p. 654). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers.