

Book Review: God's Good Design – What the Bible Really Says about Men and Women by Claire Smith.

This is a review not by a highly read renowned reader, but a congregational member who rarely has time to read. This book was read during children's piano lessons and other snippets of time. Each section of a chapter gave me lots of think and to ponder upon, as I related it to my life and my hope to obey our Heavenly Father. It wasn't hard to pick up again, was meaty, but not too hard to read during a busy day.

In summary, this book is written by someone who has read and studied the scriptures with the aim that they would shape her life. It provides the reader with clear explanation of those areas of the bible that we often find ourselves not understanding and tempted to ignore. Ignore because they cause confusion and heartache, given that they are at odds with our culture and seem extreme. I found the explanations of various interpretations, then of her recommendation, clear and even handed. This resulted in teaching that I could apply to my life, with confidence that I knew what and why I was applying it. I also felt that I could make conclusions that were without undue bias for any one position.

So, for a book often mentioned when discussing the role of women in our journey as followers of Jesus, I highly recommend it. It is easy to read, clear in teaching, and one that works hard to make clear well researched conclusions that can be applied to our lives.

Have a look at the "back page" of the book to gain further temptation to read it.

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