3. Ladies First.
   a. My judgment is that the greatest offense of the present generation is the way we treat women. While some women object to the idea of being courteously treated, most appreciate it.

   The Bible says, “Ye husbands, in like manner, dwell with your wives according to knowledge, giving honor unto the woman, as unto the weaker vessel, as being also joint-heirs of the grace of life; to the end that your prayers be not hindered.” (1Pet. 3:7) Some object to women being called the “weaker vessel.” But all know, for the most part, her muscular makeup is weaker than a man’s, and that is all that is referred to here.

   b. Spiritually speaking, women are stronger than men. Women were prominently mentioned in the Bible both in Old and New Testaments. To the Christian, there is no question that women should be treated with respect and deference. Allowing them to go first, opening doors for them and treating them with respect should always be second nature to the Christian man. That goes for wives as well, gentlemen.

   Women were prominent in the life of Jesus and in his work on this earth. Jesus was concerned that his mother be taken care of while dying on the cross for the sins of the world. (John 19)

   Regardless of how the world thinks and acts toward women, Christian men should not let that influence them. We march to a different tune. The Bible is our standard, not the world.

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