

MISOGYNY IN MEN

Misogynistic Tendencies in Men: Control is the primary need in hearts of men with misogynistic tendencies.

- Pretending to value a woman's input in conversations, but quickly disregarding her comments once made.
- Blaming women.
- Resenting woman when she looks to man for help. Seeing her as sickly and helpless.
- Always expecting woman to give to man rather than vice versa. This is sometimes cleverly camouflaged in Christian circles where the doctrine on the submission of wives to husbands is emphasized outside its Biblical context of the submission of all believers to each other. (Eph 5:21)
- Locker room talk between men who refer to their wives in derogatory ways with comments such as "Yah, I let her live in the same house with me", "I feed her, don't I?", "I suppose God could speak through a woman, He spoke through a donkey."
- An inability to thank woman when she has blessed him, taught him something, or given to him insomeway.
- An inability to receive from woman lest he be indebted to her.
- The constant subtle criticism on one's wife in private while doing the opposite in public.
- Relationships with women will be marked by ambivalent need to control her while keeping her at a distance.
- Often band together into fellowship groups exclusively for men in an attempt to affirm their masculine identity. Protect selves in a "good old boy network."
- Often manifest as a drive towards power and the confusion of control for leadership.
- In organizations that manifest misogynistic tendencies, only a small group of men at the top are acknowledged to have insight, wisdom, and true gifting.
- Virgin/Whore complex: inability to relate to women as human beings with gifts and talents. Can only relate in alternating views as idealized virgin or fallen whore.

Healing for misogyny in men: Recognition Confession Repentance Restitution/Accountability if necessary

Prayer for Healing of Misogyny in Men and Women

Lord, Jesus, I thank You for creating woman and man to be together in the image of God. I have not rejoiced nor celebrated woman as fearfully and wonderfully made. I confess this as a sin. I acknowledge before You, Lord Jesus, that I came into this world through woman's womb. Her body was once the life-source of my body and through her, You, O God, gave me my natural life. And through the womb of a virgin all mankind was blessed by the life and ministry of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. I realize now that I can never repay woman for the many ways she has been used by You to bless me and all men.

Show me now, Lord, those women I have sinned against. (Wait here in God's presence for a moment for Him to reveal to ;you any sin in your heart toward any woman.)

I do confess my sin(s) up to You. I confess the sin of misogyny. I renounce it in Jesus' name and turn from it. Please forgive me, Jesus, for this sin. (Be sure to wait in God's presence to fully receive His healing forgiveness.)

I ask You now, Lord Jesus, for the grace to love and bless woman as Christ loved and blessed the Church, His Bride. Show me, Lord, how to give to woman, to bless her, and express my gratitude to her. Free me to unconditionally love her, expecting nothing in return but Your voice telling me, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

MISOGYNY IN WOMEN

Misogynistic tendencies in Women: girls in misogynistic homes tend to become misogynists.

- Valuing men's opinions on certain subjects above women's regardless of whether or not the man has any expertise in that subject.
- Despising weak women. Often their mothers were weak in the presence of their misogynistic fathers.
- Competing with men and even imitating masculine traits in an attempt to compete with greater success.
- Preferring their sons over their daughters.
- Blaming and/or scapegoating their mothers for problems in the home that ought to be shared with or completely owned by the fathers.
- Needing to be heard and understood by men, but lacking the same need to be heard and understood by women.
- Wishing either consciously or unconsciously that they were men.

Prayer of Atonement to be Prayed by the Prayer Minister

(especially helpful if this can be prayed by a man over the sufferer.)

Come, Holy Spirit, and enter into the depth of my sister's heart. Enter into the dark corners of pain where she has long felt the effects of misogyny. Enter in, Lord Jesus, and begin now to set her free from this sin.

I confess to you, Lord Jesus, the sin of misogyny as it has rested upon this, your daughter. I confess this sin as it has come into her through her father's side of the family and her mother's side. Lift this sin of misogyny off of her soul, Lord Jesus, and bind it far from her.

Loose her from the negative effect of that sin— any way in which she has despised her own sex, wished she were a male, or simply became a non person as a result of this sin. Lift from her any way in which this hatred of woman has lodged inside her body and has even caused physical ailments. Deliver her now, Lord Jesus, and heal her body.

I ask You, Lord Jesus, to come and bless the true woman in her. Affirm her in her true feminine identity. Fill her with Your love and release her into the purpose for which You have created her as a woman.