**Biblical Manhood and Womanhood Class Outline**

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Week 11: Gender Confusion

Week 12:  Answering Common Questions

Week 13:  Sex, Marriage, & Same-Sex Attraction

*For further study:*

1. God’s Design for Man and Womanhood, Andreas & Margaret Köstenberger (Crossway, 2014)

2. The Masculine Mandate, Richard Phillips (Reformation Trust, 2016)

3. The Accidental Feminist, Courtney Reissig (Crossway, 2015)

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Biblical Manhood and Womanhood – Lesson 2

***Biblical Masculinity, Part 1***

**I. Introduction:** What does it mean to be a man?

**II. Review**

* Gen 1:26-27: *Men and women equal in essence as image of God*
* Gen 2: *Distinct dispositions and complementary roles*
* Biblical view of gender: *God-given, part of our human nature*

**III. Opening Considerations**

1. We should distinguish **manhood** from **boyhood.**
2. To live as a godly man or woman, seek **godliness** in general.
3. This class, though, is focused on the very specific question of what tends to characterize a godly **man.**
4. Whenever we study God’s **creation design**, we need to remember that **creation is fallen.**

**IV. Foundations for Biblical Masculinity**

A. Adam, the Ground (’*adamah*) and Dominion

1. Gen 2:5: No **man** to work the **ground**
2. Gen 2:7: The **man** formed from dust of the **ground**
3. Gen 2:9, 15, 19: The **man** names the other creatures formed from the **ground** and so exercises **dominion** (Gen 1:26)
4. Gen 3:17-19: God pronounces to **Adam** the curse on the **ground:** he will have painful **work** until he returns to the **ground** in death

B. Working and Keeping

* Gen 2:15, 3:23 – Man’s calling to work/cultivate the “garden” God has entrusted to him = job and relationships (Eph 5:29, 6:4)
* Keeping/watching over/guarding (Gen 2:15, 3:24)
* The Christian vision of masculinity has far less to do with being macho or “wild,” and far more to do with lovingly providing for others

C. A Pattern of Responsibility

1. God created the man first, then the woman (1 Tim 2:13)
2. Gen 2:18: The woman is Adam’s helper;

Gen 2:23, he is the one who names her

1. Gen 3:1: The serpent tempts Eve in order to undermine Adam’s authority (1 Tim 2:14)
2. Gen 3:8-9: God holds Adam responsible first for their sin
3. Gen 3:17-19: It is Adam who serves as a representative head for humanity

*Note: This general pattern of responsibility becomes formalized and prescriptive in the home and in the church*

**V. Conclusion: Trust the Perfect Man**