**Biblical Manhood and Womanhood Class Outline**

Week 1:  Intro and Biblical Theology of Gender

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Week 10:  Manhood & Womanhood in the World & Workplace

Week 11: Gender Confusion

Week 12:  Answering Common Questions

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

*For further study:*

* “Complementarianism and the Single Man,” Mathew Freeman http://9marks.org/article/complementarianism-the-single-man/
* *The Masculine Mandate*, Richard D. Phillips (Reformation Trust, 2010)
* *God’s Design for Man and Woman*, Andreas and Margaret Kostenberger (Crossway, 2014)

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Biblical Manhood and Womanhood – Lesson 3

***Biblical Masculinity Defined, Part 2***

**I. Introduction:** Is masculinity mainly about skills or character?

**II. A Summary of Biblical Masculinity**

“Biblical masculinity is displayed in a sense of benevolent responsibility to work God’s creation, provide for and protect others, and express loving, sacrificial leadership in particular contexts prescribed by God’s Word.”

1. **“...Work God’s Creation…”**
* Genesis 2:7: God formed the man from the ground
* Genesis 2:15: God placed the man in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it
* Genesis 2:19-20: The man was given the responsibility of naming the animals
* Genesis 3:17, 23: The man’s God-given disposition to work the ground is affected, but not changed by the fall

**B.”…Provide for…”**

* 1 Timothy 5:8 – *If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever*.

**C. “...and Protect...”**

* Ezekiel 34:4-6 – *So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd...My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them*.

**D. “...Loving, sacrificial leadership...”**

* 1 Timothy 3:1-7 – Qualifications for elders, but all men should aspire to this description of godliness
1. *Biblical masculinity expresses itself not in the demand to be served, but in the strength to serve and to sacrifice for the good of others.* (Luke 22:26, Eph 5:23-25)
2. *Biblical masculinity doesn’t have to initiate every action, but feels the responsibility to provide a general pattern of initiative.*
3. *Biblical masculinity accepts the burden of the final say in disagreements between leader and led, but doesn’t presume to use it in every instance.*
4. *Biblical masculinity recognizes that the call to leadership is a call to repentance and humility.* (Psalm 130:3-4, 1 Pet 5:6)

**E. “...In particular contexts prescribed by God’s Word...”**

* 1 Timothy 5:1-2 – *Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.*

**IV. Conclusion: Two Men**