



Course outline

Foundations

- Week 1: Man and Woman in Creation: Equality, Fertility, and Complementarity
- Week 2: Man and Woman in Creation: A Biblical Theology of Beautiful Difference
- Week 3: Man and Woman in a Fallen World
- Week 4: Man and Woman in Christ
- Week 5: Man and Woman in the Modern World

Applications

- Week 6: The Meaning of Sex
- Week 7: Singleness and Marriage
- Week 8: Parenting**
- Week 9: The Church (Part 1)
- Week 10: The Church (Part 2)
- Week 11: Work

Apologetics

- Week 12: Answering Common Questions
- Week 13: The Goodness and Beauty of God's Design

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Suggested reading

- Herman Bavinck, *The Christian Family*
- J. Budziszewski, *On the Meaning of Sex*
- W. Bradford Wilcox, "Reconcilable Differences: What Social Sciences Show About Complementarity of Sexes & Parenting" (online)
- Melissa Kearney, *The Two-Parent Privilege*

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Parenting

I. Both Parents' Goals for All Children

1. *That they become mature adults.* (Prov. 10:5 and many others)
2. *That they become Christians and love the Lord with all their being.* (Deut. 6:1-7)

II. What Mothers and Fathers Uniquely Contribute

Mothers	Fathers
Capacity to breastfeed	More effective discipline
Ability to understand infants and children	Fun, engaging, challenging <i>play</i>
Ability to nurture and comfort children	Challenge children to embrace life's challenges
Take greater pleasure in caring for infants	
Lighter sleepers	
Better at interpreting children's physical and verbal cues	
More attuned to child's immediate well-being	More attuned to child's long-term development
Discipline more responsive	Discipline more firm
Generally more flexible and sympathetic	Generally more predictable and consistent
In every community ever studied, mothers take primary responsibility for nurture of infants and small children	

Parenting with the grain of sexual difference:

- *Play to your strengths. Work on your weaknesses.*
- *Recognize that a mother's role starts big and stays big, whereas a father's role starts smaller and grows.*
- *Look to your spouse as a complement.*

Counsel for mothers:

1. *Embrace your indispensable role in the early years.*
2. *Embrace the vast scope of your calling.*
3. *Embrace the glory and dignity of care. (Isa. 66:13)*
4. *Beware the temptations of smothering and codependency.*

Counsel for fathers:

1. *Take initiative in your family's spiritual formation. (Eph. 6:4)*
2. *Bear the weight and bring the fun.*
3. *Beware the temptations of passivity and harshness. (1 Sam. 2:17, 22, 29; Col. 3:21)*

III. What Children of Each Sex Need

Girls:

1. *Girls' hearts flourish in the context of secure affection.*
2. *Teach girls to view their unique capacity to bear and nurture children as a gift to be welcomed rather than a defect to be minimized or avoided.*
3. *Encourage girls, as potential mothers, to develop motherly gifts, strengths, habits, and abilities.*
4. *Encourage a "success sequence" that differs radically from the world's.*

World's success sequence: education (and more education) >> good job >> establish career >> progress in career >> pseudo-marriage >> marriage (maybe, eventually) >> a child or two

Boys

1. *Boys' hearts thrive on risk.*
2. *Learn to channel boyish energy into manly virtue.*
3. *Encourage boys, as potential fathers, to develop fatherly gifts, strengths, habits, and abilities.*
4. *Treat your son's growth into manhood as a collaborative community project.*