**Biblical Manhood and Womanhood Course Outline**

Week 1:  Intro and Biblical Theology of Gender

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Week 11: Gender Confusion

Week 12:  Answering Common Questions

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

*For further study:*

1. Kathleen Nielson, *Women & God: Hard Questions, Beautiful Truth,* Chapter 10

2. Thomas Schreiner & Andreas Köstenberger, *Women in the Church: An Interpretation and Application of 1 Timothy 2:9-15*

*Questions and comments are welcome!*

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Biblical Manhood and Womanhood – Week 9

***Manhood and Womanhood in the Church: Part 2***

**I. Introduction & Review**

* Scripture not just allows, but expects men *and* women to participate in the majority of the church’s ministry (1 Cor 12).
* The elders’ job description: provide, protect, lead, bear responsibility
* Men and women are called to serve the church in all capacities, except for leading and teaching the church, which God’s Word assigns to men.

**II. 1 Timothy 2:8-15**

1. The context: false teaching in Ephesus (1 Tim. 1:3-7, 18-20; 4:1-3)
2. A call to learn quietly with submissiveness (2:11)

* A trustful, humble posture to Biblical teaching
* Women learning as disciples

1. Two restrictions:
   1. Teaching men in the assembled congregation (v. 12)
   2. Having authority over men (v. 12)
2. Two reasons for these restrictions:
   1. The creation order (v. 13)
   2. Satan’s strategy to undermine the creation order (v. 14)

* *Note:* God’s instructions, even when counter-cultural, are always good.

1. One promise (2:15): Saved through childbearing?

* Could be shorthand for embracing femininity more generally
* Could be “the childbirth” – the coming of the Messiah

**III. 1 Corinthians 11:3-16**

1. God expects women to serve publicly in the church by praying and prophesying (v. 5).
   1. What about 1 Cor 14:34-35?
   2. Complementary, not contradictory passages (see context in 1 Cor 14:29 – “speaking” here refers to the authoritative evaluation of prophecies)
2. God calls women to serve in the church in a way that clearly showcases their feminine identity (vv. 6-7, 14-15).
3. Male teaching authority in the church doesn’t invalidate the equality of interdependence (vv. 8-10, 11-12).