Biblical Manhood and Womanhood Class Outline

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For further study:

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

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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**.

Questions and comments are welcome!
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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

3. Gen 3:1: The serpent tempts Eve in order to undermine Adam’s authority (1 Tim 2:14)

4. Gen 3:8-9: God holds Adam responsible first for their sin

5. 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