Biblical Manhood and Womanhood Class Outline

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For further study:

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

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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.”

A. “...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