Biblical Manhood and Womanhood Course Outline

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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

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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

A. The context: false teaching in Ephesus (1 Tim. 1:3-7, 18-20; 4:1-3)

B. A call to learn quietly with submissiveness (2:11)

- A trustful, humble posture to Biblical teaching

- Women learning as disciples
C. Two restrictions:
   a. Teaching men in the assembled congregation (v. 12)
   b. Having authority over men (v. 12)

D. Two reasons for these restrictions:
   a. The creation order (v. 13)
   b. Satan’s strategy to undermine the creation order (v. 14)

E. 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

A. God expects women to serve publicly in the church by praying and prophesying (v. 5).
   i. What about 1 Cor 14:34-35?
   ii. Complementary, not contradictory passages (see context in 1 Cor 14:29 – “speaking” here refers to the authoritative evaluation of prophecies)

B. God calls women to serve in the church in a way that clearly showcases their feminine identity (vv. 6-7, 14-15).

C. Male teaching authority in the church doesn’t invalidate the equality of interdependence (vv. 8-10, 11-12).

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