

## **Biblical Manhood and Womanhood Course Outline**

Week 1: Introduction: Egalitarianism and Complementarianism

Week 2: Biblical Masculinity Part I

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Week 4: Biblical Femininity Part I

Week 5: Biblical Femininity Part II

Week 6: BM&W in the Home Part I

Week 7: BM&W in the Home Part II

Week 8: Panel Discussion & Q&A

Week 9: BM&W in the Church Part I

Week 10: BM&W in the Church Part II

Week 11: BM&W in the World

Week 12: Answering Objections to Complementarianism

Week 13: Panel Discussion & Q&A

### **Definitions:**

For Christians, to be *human* is to glorify God as his image-bearers whom he has redeemed by his Son, filled with his Holy Spirit, united as his church, and called to proclaim his good news to the nations.

At the heart of mature masculinity is a sense of benevolent responsibility to lead, provide for and protect women in ways appropriate to a man's differing relationships.

At the heart of mature femininity is a freeing disposition to affirm, receive and nurture strength and leadership from worthy men in ways appropriate to a woman's differing relationships.

*Questions and comments are welcome!*

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## ***Core Seminars—Biblical Manhood & Womanhood***

### **Class 5: Biblical Femininity (Part 2)**



#### **I. Introduction & Review**

#### **II. Exemplary Women**

1. Rahab (Joshua 2). Honors Hebrew spies, honors God.
2. Ruth. Loyal to Naomi, deferential to Boaz.
3. Esther. Obeys Mordecai, risks life for God's people.
4. Mary (Luke 1). Follows Joseph's leadership, but most of all, trusts in the Lord as the deliverer of Israel.

*Definition:* At the heart of mature femininity is a freeing disposition to affirm, receive and nurture strength and leadership from worthy men in ways appropriate to a woman's differing relationships.

### III. At the heart of mature femininity is a freeing disposition...

- “Disposition” – Applied to marriage
- “Disposition” – Applied to singleness
- How femininity is “freeing” / leads to joy
- An imperfect joy, due to sin:
  1. The sin of men...
  2. The sin of women...
- A real joy, guaranteed by Christ’s promise (John 15:11)

### IV. ...To affirm, receive and nurture strength and leadership from worthy men...

- Who are worthy men?

- “Affirm”
- “Receive”
- “Nurture” (examples: Gen 2:18, Prov 31)

### V. ...In ways appropriate to a woman’s differing relationships.

- *A biblical woman should seek to affirm and nurture a man’s God-given role and nature as servant-leader, and her God-given role and nature as helper, in some appropriate form, in all her relationships with men.*
- How to do this in less clear contexts:
  1. Identify clear Biblical truths/principles
  2. Be flexible and gracious in applying them

### VI. Conclusion

- God is not honored by any abuse of authority
- Luke 1:49-50: “His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation”