

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

Week 1: Introduction: Egalitarianism and Complementarianism

Week 2: Biblical Masculinity Part I

Week 3: Biblical Masculinity Part II

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

*For further study:*

- *The Masculine Mandate*, Richard D. Phillips (Reformation Trust, 2010)
- *Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood: A Response to Evangelicalism Feminism*, Edited by John Piper and Wayne Grudem (Crossway, 1991)

*Questions and comments are welcome!*

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## ***Core Seminars—Biblical Manhood & Womanhood*** **Class 2: Biblical Masculinity (Part 1)**

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### **I. Introduction**

### **II. Review**

- Gen 1:26-27: *Equal in essence as image of God*
- Gen 2: *Distinct, complementary roles*
- Biblical view of gender: *essentialism, not constructionism*

### III. Foundations for Biblical Masculinity

#### A. Authority and Responsibility

- Gen 2:15-24 – Authority and responsibility in Eden
- Gen 3:1, 8-9, 16-19 – Authority and responsibility seen in the fall and the curses

#### B. Working and Keeping

- Gen 2:15 – Man’s calling to cultivate the “garden” (work, relationships) God has entrusted to him
- Keeping/watching over (Gen 28:15, Ps 121:7-8)
- Gen 2: A man who is “wild at heart?”

#### C. Servant Leadership

- Luke 22:24-27 – To lead is to serve, as Jesus did

### IV. A Definition of Biblical Masculinity

“The essence of Biblical masculinity is a sense of benevolent responsibility to lead, provide for, and protect women in ways appropriate to a man’s differing relationships.”

#### A. “A sense of”

#### B. “Benevolent”

- 2 Sam 23:3-4: The fruit of benevolent leadership

#### C. “Responsibility”

- Col 3:19 – Love, not harshness, in marriage
- Col 4:1 – Justice, not unfairness, in work

### V. Trust the Perfect Man

- Rom 5:19: *For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.*