**Biblical Manhood and Womanhood Course Outline**

Week 1:  Intro and Biblical Theology of Gender

Week 2:  Biblical Masculinity Part 1

Week 3:  Biblical Masculinity Part 2

Week 4:  Biblical Femininity Part 1

Week 5:  Biblical Femininity Part 2

Week 6:  Gender Confusion

Week 7: Manhood & Womanhood in the Home Part 1

Week 8: Manhood & Womanhood in the Home Part 2

Week 9:  Manhood & Womanhood in the Church Part 1

Week 10:  Manhood & Womanhood in the Church Part 2

Week 11: Manhood & Womanhood in the World & Workplace

Week 12:  Objections to Complementarianism

Week 13:  Panel Discussion & Q&A

**Summaries:**

The essence of biblical masculinity is a sense of benevolent responsibility to tend God’s creation, to provide for and protect others, and to express loving, sacrificial leadership in particular contexts prescribed by God’s Word.

The essence of biblical femininity is a gracious disposition to cultivate life, to help others flourish, and to affirm, receive and nurture strength and leadership from worthy men in particular contexts prescribed by God’s Word.

*For further study:*

1. Andreas & Margaret Köstenberger *God’s Design for Man and Woman*

2. Thomas Schreiner, “The Valuable Ministries of Women in the Context of Male Leadership: A Survey of Old and New Testament Examples and Teaching,” in *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood*

*Questions and comments are welcome!*

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Biblical Manhood and Womanhood – Lesson 9

***Manhood and Womanhood in the Church, Part 1***

**I. Introduction**

* Genesis 1:26-28
* Galatians 3:26-28
* Genesis 2

**II. Gender in the Church: General Principles**

* *Scripture not just allows, but expects men and women to participate in the vast majority of the church’s ministry and practices.* (1 Cor 12:4-11)
* *Men and women are called to serve the church in all capacities, except where such service would violate the biblical principle of male leadership, specifically in teaching or exercising authority over men when the church is gathered.*
* *However you serve, you do so* ***as*** *a man or a woman.*

**III. Various Ways Men and Women Build Up the Body of Christ**

1. Participating in the Public Gatherings (Eph 3:10)

2. Reading, Praying, & Prophesying (1 Cor 11:4-5)

3. Voting with the Congregation (Matt 18, 1 Cor 5)

4. Serving as Deacons and Deaconesses (1 Tim 3:11)

5. Women: Teaching and Leading Other Women (Titus 2:3-5)

6. Ministering to Children (2 Tim 3:14, 1:5)

7. Countless Others (Discipling, Hospitality, Evangelism, Missions, Ministry to Sick and Elderly…)

**IV. The Masculine Nature of Elder Leadership**

1. 1 Timothy 3:1-7: Qualifications of elders
2. The elder’s “job description:”
3. To *provide* for the church through biblical teaching (Titus 1:9, 1 Tim 4:13)
4. To *protect* the church from falsehood (2 Tim 4:2-3, Titus 1:9)
5. To *lead* the church by a godly example (1 Pet 5:3, Heb 13:7)
6. To *bear responsibility* before God for the church’s well-being (James 3:1, Heb 13:17)