

Beautiful Design Class Schedule

1. God's Wonderful Gift of Gender - January 6
2. Manhood (pt 1) - January 13
3. Manhood (pt 2) - January 27
4. Womanhood (pt 1) - February 3
5. Womanhood (pt 2) - February 24
6. Men & Women in the Home – March 3
7. Men & Women in the Church - March 10
8. Men & Women in the World & Workplace - March 31
10. Sex, Marriage, Same-Sex Attraction & Gender Confusion – April 7
11. Objections to Complementarianism – April 14

Summaries:

Biblical masculinity is displayed in a sense of benevolent responsibility to work God's creation, to provide for and protect others, and to express loving, sacrificial leadership in particular contexts prescribed by God's Word.

Biblical femininity is displayed in 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. [What's the Difference](#), by John Piper.
2. [God's Design for Man and Womanhood](#), Andreas & Margaret Köstenberger
2. [The Accidental Feminist](#), Courtney Reissig

Questions and comments are welcome!

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Class 7: Men & Women in the Church



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 for leading and teaching the church, which God's Word assigns to men.*
- *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. Exercising Governance 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

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