

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 10
6. Men & Women in the Home (pt 1) - February 17
7. Men & Women in the Home (pt 2) - February 24
8. Men & Women in the Church (pt 1) - March 3
9. Men & Women in the Church (pt 2) - March 10
10. Men & Women in the World & Workplace - March 17
11. Sex, Marriage, Same-Sex Attraction & Gender Confusion -
March 24
12. Objections to Complementarianism - March 31

For further study:

1. [What's the Difference](#), by John Piper.

Questions and comments are welcome!
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Class 2: Manhood (part 1)



I. Introduction: What does it mean to be a man?

II. Review

- Gen 1:26-27: *Men and women equal in essence as image of God*
- Gen 2: *Distinct dispositions and complementary roles*
- Biblical view of gender: *God-given, part of our human nature*

III. Opening Considerations

1. We should distinguish **manhood** from **boyhood**.
2. To live as a godly man or woman, seek **godliness** in general.
3. This class, though, is focused on the very specific question of what tends to characterize a godly **man**.
4. Whenever we study God's **creation design**, we need to remember that **creation is fallen**.

IV. Foundations for Biblical Masculinity

A. Adam, the Ground ('*adamah*) and Dominion

1. Gen 2:5: No **man** to work the **ground**
2. Gen 2:7: The **man** formed from dust of the **ground**
3. Gen 2:9, 15, 19: The **man** names the other creatures formed from the **ground** and so exercises **dominion** (Gen 1:26)
4. Gen 3:17-19: God pronounces to **Adam** the curse on the **ground**: he will have painful **work** until he returns to the **ground** in death

B. Working and Keeping

- Gen 2:15, 3:23 – Man's calling to work/cultivate the "garden" God has entrusted to him = job and relationships (Eph 5:29, 6:4)
- Keeping/watching over/guarding (Gen 2:15, 3:24)
- The Christian vision of masculinity has far less to do with being macho or "wild," and far more to do with lovingly providing for others

C. A Pattern of Responsibility

1. God created the man first, then the woman (1 Tim 2:13)
2. Gen 2:18: The woman is Adam's helper;
Gen 2:23, he is the one who names her
3. Gen 3:1: The serpent tempts Eve in order to undermine Adam's authority (1 Tim 2:14)
4. Gen 3:8-9: God holds Adam responsible first for their sin
5. Gen 3:17-19: It is Adam who serves as a representative head for humanity

Note: This general pattern of responsibility becomes formalized and prescriptive in the home and in the church

V. Conclusion: Trust the Perfect Man