

God's Design for Men and Women

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What does it mean to be a Godly man in today's society--to wash my wife in the water of the Word (Eph 5:25-27)? How can a woman fulfill God's design in a culture that screams to suppress feminine qualities? While God designed a perfect world with clear roles and responsibilities, sin has marred this perfection and brought significant confusion to discerning the Godly path in today's culture. This class will search through Scriptures to re-discover God's plan and intention for his children. After we have built a Scriptural foundation of God's design, we will apply this knowledge to answer day-to-day questions about our roles—both in the family of God and in the world.

These classes are not lectures, but are heavily dependent upon your inputs and responses. We hope to embrace Proverbs 27:17 that says, "as iron sharpens iron, so man sharpens man". Come join us, and please pray that our time together will increase our unity, sharpen our understanding, and bring honor to the God whom we serve!

Syllabus

Part 1: Biblical Foundation

- Section 1. Iron Sharpens Iron—Proverbs 27:17
Class overview including guidelines for Godly discussion
- Section 2. God's Perfect Creation and Design For His Children—Genesis 1:26 – 3:24
An investigation into our roles in the garden, and the impact of sin on those roles
- Section 3. Women in the Old Testament Law--Pentateuch
Continued study of roles and relationships defined in the Law
- Section 4. A Woman of Noble Character—Proverbs 31:10 – 31
Lessons learned from the Proverbs 31 woman
- Section 5. New Testament Instructions on Gender Roles
Men and women's roles and relationships under the new covenant
- Section 6. Women of the Bible
Examples of select women throughout scriptures—how and why they served

Part 2: Biblical Application

- Section 1. Roles in the Home—Moses, Jesus, Now
How has the purpose of husbands, wives, sons, and daughters in the home changed?
- Section 2. Roles in the Assembly—Tabernacle, Temple, Today
How have the roles of men and women and children functioned over time?
- Section 3. Roles in the World—Town Commons, Marketplace, Amazon.com
How has the participation of men, women, and children in business changed?