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Foundations for Life #4: Biblical Manhood & Womanhood

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Continuing with Foundations for Life, this week we cover "Biblical Manhood & Womanhood," restoring the glory of our true identity. This is from the course titled, "Biblical, Judeo-Christian & Truth Foundations for Life." Our purpose is to rebuild the spiritual, moral, intellectual, and truth foundations of our true identity and Christian faith that are essential for personal, family, church, community and

national transformation, and restoration of the sanctity of human life and a culture of life.

1. The Nature of Man created "in the image of GOD":

During the last two weeks, we examined "60 Characteristics of the Nature of GOD." In addition to gaining a more accurate understanding of who GOD is, our purpose was to comprehend what it means to be created in His image. Here are some the characteristics of "the image of GOD" in Man, male and female (Genesis 1:26-27):

- Created "in His image" and likeness to be like Him;
- Created for intimate relationship with Him and people;
- Created with capacity to discover the existence of GOD in creation;
- Created with capacity to create and to speak things into existence;
- Created to be light bearers;
- Created to love good and hate evil;
- Created with capacity for love, kindness, and gentleness;
- Created with capacity for grace, compassion, forgiveness, and mercy;
- Created with capacity for self-control and discipline;
- Created with capacity to receive knowledge and Truth from GOD;
- Created to know, live in, and speak Truth without fear or partiality;
- Created for joy;
- Created to live in peace, not in confusion or chaos;
- Created to be faithful, to be promise & covenant keepers;
- Created to cherish and protect human life;
- Created to be GOD's representatives so His will is done on earth as it is in heaven;
- Created to rule over a limited part of GOD's creation;
- Created to know GOD and live eternally with Him in heaven.

2. Our Identity as Man:

The first Hebrew word for Man in Genesis 1:26-27 is "**âdam**" (H120), and refers to the first man Adam, both Adam and Eve, mankind, or human being. GOD created us in His own likeness, male or female. We are human, not animals, birds or fish, or from them (Genesis 1:20-27; 1 Corinthians 15:39). We are either male or female – every cell of our body – and that is unchangeable.

3. True Identity of Man as Male:

The first Hebrew word for Man as male in Genesis 1:27 is "**zâkâr**" (H2145), meaning *to remember* (<u>www.BlueLetterBible.org</u>). GOD created Man as male first with a foremost duty to remember Him, uphold and obey His words, and pass this knowledge to his wife and children.

4. True Identity of Man as Female:

The first Hebrew word for Man as female in Genesis 1:27 is "**neqêbâh**" (H5347), meaning *a woman, a female*. This word comes from a root word meaning *to puncture,* in essence, *to be open to receive*. When GOD created Eve, she was open to receive her husband, Adam: first the spiritual seed of the Word of GOD, and second his physical seed enabling her to conceive and bare their children.

5. The Glory of Embracing Our True Identity in Christ:

The first man and woman, Adam and Eve, failed to remember, uphold and obey the Words of GOD (Genesis 3). But the second Adam, Jesus Christ, gave His life to restore us to the Father and to our true identity (1 Corinthians 15:45-57). Our true identity includes a divine unity between believers, especially a believing husband and wife, that reflects the Trinity (John 17). When men and women rise up in their true identity and unity in Christ, the kingdom of God and His righteousness are advanced in every area of their influence – and nothing is impossible, including restoring a culture of life and ending abortion.

Pray that believers in Jesus Christ will regain their true identity, including as male and female, and be united together in advancing the kingdom of GOD on earth as it is in heaven.

For the LORD, the sacred gift of life, and remembrance of the babies,

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