

Wretched Worldview

**Biblical Manhood:
Encouraging young men to
become godly men**

Study Guide Answer Key

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These answers are not meant to be comprehensive, but to serve as a general guideline. We encourage the student to give more detailed responses. Answers for each chapter can be found in the DVD. Some of the Going Deeper questions may require the use of additional resources.

CHAPTER ONE: Ten Points on Manhood

1. How was “economic subordination” described?
Economic subordination refers to the efficiency of differing roles within a relationship. As stated in this segment, things run better when different people have different roles.
2. How is the Trinity an example of economic subordination?
While the three persons of the Trinity are absolutely equal in their attributes and nature, they have different roles in how they relate to each other and to their creation. From Scripture, we see that the Son submits Himself to the Father, and the Holy Spirit submits Himself to both the Father and the Son.
3. How is the family an example of economic subordination?
The father, mother, and children all have different roles and responsibilities within the family structure. The mother submits to the Father, the children submit to both father and mother.
4. List Bruce Ware’s ten principles of biblical manhood, and write a brief description of each one as they were presented in this segment.
 - 1) Love - Jesus first, wife as self; self-sacrificing love.
 - 2) Leadership - Not dictatorial, but gentle.
 - 3) Example - Look and act like Jesus.
 - 4) Authority - Remember that God is in authority over husband.
 - 5) Acceptance - Help wife in her battle with sin.
 - 6) Listening - Not necessarily for the purpose of fixing the situation, but to show consideration and respect.
 - 7) Understanding - Be empathetic.
 - 8) Work - Be responsible and provide for the family.
 - 9) Sexuality - Bodies belong to each other in marriage.
 - 10) Home - Create the peaceful and harmonious home you want by your leadership and example.

GOING DEEPER:

1. Todd made this statement, “Christianity is the religion that truly liberates women.” Do you agree with this statement? Support your answer with Scripture.
Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.
2. To better understand the economic subordination of the Trinity, study the Scripture passages and answer the following questions listed below:

John 3:16 - The Father gave the Son.
John 6:44 - The Father sent the Son.
John 6:38 - The Son came to do the Father’s will, not His own will.

- John 14:26 - **The Father sends the Holy Spirit in the Son's name. The Holy Spirit will teach all things and bring to remembrance the things Jesus said.**
- John 15:26 - **The Holy Spirit is the Helper, He proceeds from the Father, and is sent from both Jesus and the Father in order to testify about Jesus.**
- Ephesians 1:7 - **In Jesus we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses.**
- 1 John 4:14 - **The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.**
- 1 Corinthians 12:11 - **The Holy Spirit gives gifts to believers for the edification of the Church.**
- Galatians 5:22&23 - **The Holy Spirit produces fruit in the lives of believers.**

What is the role of God the Father?

What is the role of God the Son?

What is the role of God the Holy Spirit?

Is there any indication from these verses as to Who sends Whom to accomplish His specific role?

CHAPTER TWO: A Generation of Men Raised by Women

1. List the three areas in which men have less influence today than in the past. Also include the two points explained under each area.

Family:

- 1) Prior to the Industrial Revolution, men worked at or near the home.
- 2) Due to divorce, dad doesn't see the kids during the week.

Education:

- 1) Until the mid-nineteenth century, teachers were predominantly male.
- 2) Children used to be thought of primarily as sinners in need of correction. Now, the emphasis is on nurturing them.

Church:

- 1) In 1952, the ratio of male to female active church members was 53/47. Today it is 61 females/39 males.
 - 2) Fancy pants preachers.
2. Do you agree or disagree with this analysis? Why or why not?
Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.
 3. What do you think is meant by "fancy pants preachers"?
Unlike preachers of the past who emphasized sin, righteousness, and judgment, many preachers today emphasize felt needs. They preach "feel good" sermons that appeal to the emotions. They seem more concerned with their appearance and their "relevancy" to the modern world, than calling their congregation to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.
 4. Why do you think there is such a discrepancy in the ratio between men and women in church attendance today?
Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.

GOING DEEPER:

1. In the area of education, the point was made that historically, children were considered sinners primarily in need of correction. However, present day thinking is that children are basically good and primarily in need of nurturing.

Read the following verses and summarize what the Bible says about our basic nature:

Psalm 14:2-3 - **No one does good.**

Psalm 51:5 - **Man is born sinful.**

Luke 18:19 - **No one is good except God.**

Romans 3:10-12 - **No one is righteous; no one understands or seeks God; no one is good – not even one.**

- Romans 3:23 - **All have sinned and fall short of God's glory (His standard of righteousness).**
- Ephesians 2:1-3 - **Everyone is born spiritually dead in sin, and by nature are children of wrath.**

Summary: No one is good or righteous except God alone. All of humanity are born sinners and are by nature children of wrath, spiritually dead because of inherent sin.

2. Read the following verses and summarize the consequences of sin:

- Romans 6:23a - **The wages of sin is death.**
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 - **The unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God.**
- 2 Thessalonians 1:7b-9 - **Those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of the Lord Jesus will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction.**
- Revelation 20:15 - **Anyone whose name is not in the book of life will be thrown into the lake of fire.**

Summary: The wages of sin is death, the punishment of eternal destruction in the lake of fire.

3. Read the following verses and summarize how the gospel addresses the consequences of sin:

- Isaiah 53:4-6 - **Jesus was wounded for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. His punishment brought us peace with God.**
- Romans 3:23-26 - **Because all have sinned and fall short of God's glory, God sent Jesus to be our propitiation (that is, the perfect sacrifice, appeasing God's wrath against us for our sin). We are justified (cleared of our wrongdoing and the punishment we deserve) by God's grace when we receive by faith the redemption that is in Jesus Christ.**
- Romans 5:8-11 - **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. We have been justified by His blood and saved from the wrath of God.**
- Romans 6:23b - **God's free gift to us is eternal life in Jesus Christ.**
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 - **Even though Jesus knew no sin, God regarded Him to be sin for us. Thus, He was our substitute, taking the punishment that we deserve.**
- Ephesians 2:4-10 - **Even while we were dead in our sin, God made us alive with Christ. This was not something we could do by our own works; we are saved as a gift of God by grace through faith.**

Summary: God sent Jesus, who had never sinned, to take the punishment we deserve for our sin. He was the perfect sacrifice, appeasing God's wrath against us. Because of Christ's sacrifice, we are justified by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER THREE: The Lie of Pornography

1. According to the article referenced in this segment, what is the lie of pornography?
In Ephesians 4:22, Paul refers to “deceitful desires” that have corrupted the old self. In regard to pornography, it deceives by promising deep, unequaled, and sustainable satisfaction.
2. In reality, what do lust and pornography actually accomplish in a person’s life?
Heart-wrenching dissatisfaction. According to the article, “It’s [porn] a hideous beast which mercilessly pummels its victims.” It promises pleasure, but ultimately gives pain.
3. Read Ephesians 4:17-24 and answer the following questions:

Describe how the Gentiles walk (verses 17-19):

In the futility of their minds; darkened in their understanding; alienated from the life of God because of ignorance due to their hardness of heart. As a result, they are callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

How is the old self described? (verse 22)

It belongs to the former manner of life (before being saved) and is corrupt through deceitful desires.

How is the new self described? (verse 24)

It is created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

According to verses 22 and 24, what are we to do with the old self and the new self?

We are commanded to put off the old self and put on the new self.

4. What comparisons do you see between Ephesians 4:23 and Romans 12:2?
Each verse mentions being renewed in our minds. In Ephesians, it follows the command to put off the old self. In Romans, it’s given after the command to not be conformed to this world. From these Scripture passages, it’s clear that the renewing of our minds is part of the process of putting on the new self (being transformed). It is also the way we know what is good and acceptable and perfect.
5. How do these verses relate to the subject of lust and pornography?
What one thinks about and dwells on determines if he is putting off the old self or putting on the new self. In order to renew our minds, we must be in God’s Word regularly, allowing His truth to become the lens through which we determine what is good and acceptable and perfect. As we become less and less conformed to this world and more and more transformed, we will be better equipped to recognize and stand strong against the lie of lust and pornography.

GOING DEEPER:

1. In the above passage from Ephesians, Paul described how the Gentiles walk. To “walk” in this context refers to a way of life or pattern of conduct. Read the following passages and observe what it means to walk in the flesh versus walking in the Spirit. Also, take note of how the mind is instrumental in determining whether one is walking according to the flesh or Spirit. Be detailed in your observations of the texts.

Romans 8:5-8

Galatians 5:16–24

Philippians 4:8

Colossians 3:1-17

Walking in the flesh:

Romans 8:5-8 - Minds are set on the flesh; hostile to God; unable to submit to God’s law; cannot please God.

Galatians 5:16-24 - The desires of the flesh are against the Spirit; works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Walking in the Spirit:

Romans 8:5-8 - Minds are on the things of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16-24 - You will not gratify the desires of the flesh; the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; not under the law; will produce the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Those who belong to Jesus Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Colossians 3:1-13 - Commanded to put to death what is earthly in us: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, covetousness, anger, wrath, malice, slander, obscene talk, lying. Commanded to put on: compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience; bearing with one another and forgiving each other as Christ has forgiven us.

The role of the mind:

Romans 8:5-8 - To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Philippians 4:8 - Think about whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise.

Colossians 3:1-17 - Commanded to set our minds on things above, not on things that are on the earth.

2. How can these Scripture passages be applied in your personal battle against lust and pornography? Be as honest and specific as you can.
Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.
3. If you are serious about battling the sin of lust and pornography, write out a prayer asking for God’s help in this area. Remember, according to Galatians 5:16, walking by the Spirit ensures victory over fleshly desires. Talk to the Lord about how you can walk daily and

consistently by the Spirit. Only through the Holy Spirit's power will you have victory over your flesh!

CHAPTER FOUR: Dating & Courting

1. Based on what was presented in this segment, how is courting different from dating?
The resulting fall-out from dating is often treated with little seriousness. It frequently ends in a broken, crushed or wounded heart; sometimes even the loss of virginity and a teen pregnancy. Courting, on the other hand, is a more intentional process. With the permission of the girl's father, and under parental guidance and supervision, two young people enter into a relationship for the purpose of working toward a possible future marriage. The boy should qualify, based on biblical standards, to be a godly husband. The girl should have the godly, biblical qualifications of a Christian wife.
2. Why is it important that the parents be so involved?
Dad is the one responsible to protect his daughter. Parents are in a covenant relationship with their daughter until a new man comes along. They are responsible for their children's care until they enter into a new covenant relationship of marriage.
3. List the twenty courting qualifications for a young man as presented in this segment.
 - 1) **Must be saved.**
 - 2) **No adultery, including pornography.**
 - 3) **Must show courtesy.**
 - 4) **Must understand and be willing to accept his role as head of the home.**
 - 5) **Must be able to provide financially.**
 - 6) **Must be able to physically protect his wife.**
 - 7) **Must be willing to leave his parents and cling to his wife.**
 - 8) **Must be able to teach & lead his family spiritually.**
 - 9) **Must be willing to submit to church authority.**
 - 10) **Must love his wife more than his own life.**
 - 11) **Must aspire to the qualifications of elder.**
 - 12) **Must be involved in biblical evangelism (have a heart for the lost).**
 - 13) **Must be willing to respectfully disagree with in-laws, if necessary.**
 - 14) **Must be a good steward, yet generous.**
 - 15) **Seek God's counsel and will through the Scriptures and prayer.**
 - 16) **Must exhibit fruit of the Spirit.**
 - 17) **Must show discernment in entertainment choices.**
 - 18) **Has not been party to an unbiblical divorce.**
 - 19) **Must receive consent of future father-in-law.**
 - 20) **Must never physically hurt his wife.**

GOING DEEPER:

1. What do you think about the concept of courting as opposed to dating? Give a reasoned response and use biblical references where possible.
Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.

2. If you're a young man, go through the list and compare yourself against these qualifications. Write a brief summary after each one as to how you compare. Be as honest as possible.
Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.
3. How can you improve on the qualifications you didn't meet?
Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.
4. If you're a young woman, compare yourself against the qualifications that are equally applicable to you. Do you have these as standards in your own life as a Christian? Are you prepared to submit to a man who meets these qualifications?
Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.

CHAPTER FIVE: So You Want to Marry my Daughter?

1. Describe the ten qualifications in this segment from the perspective of the young man wanting to court Todd's daughter. Where applicable, also give the reason Todd used in the DVD to explain why this is a qualification. For example, the first qualification could be described in this way:

1) *I must be genuinely saved and love the Lord more than anything else in my life, including the woman I marry.*

Why? This is the Biblical order of priorities.

Possible answers include:

1) **I must be genuinely saved and love the Lord more than anything else in my life, including the woman I marry.**

Why? This is the Biblical order of priorities.

2) **I must be willing to be accountable to my girlfriend's father in how I use my computer and social media.**

Why? If I am not willing, I've got a sin problem – which means I might have a salvation problem too.

3) **I must be willing to allow my girlfriend's father to talk to my father about how I will treat his daughter.**

Why? To see how I was raised and if my dad cares about his daughter – which will reflect my care about his daughter.

4) **I will pay for everything that pertains to dating/courting my girlfriend.**

Why? If I don't have a job, then I am not prepared to get married...which is the goal of courtship.

5) **I will dress appropriately.**

6) **I will show patience, kindness, and an even temperament with my girlfriend.**

Why? This reflects an issue with self-control.

7) **I will be willing to let my girlfriend's father talk to my pastor.**

8) **I will treat her heart with the utmost care.**

Why? Because I do not yet truly know what love is.

9) **I will not be alone with her.**

10) **I will not offend or violate my girlfriend's honor.**

2. Go back over the list and describe the character quality (or qualities) that each qualification is addressing. (You may skip the first qualification as that doesn't reflect character, but a spiritual condition.) For example, the second qualification reflects the importance of integrity.

Possible answers include:

Qualification #2: Integrity

Qualification #3: Submission to authority

Qualification #4: Responsibility, generosity, good stewardship

Qualification #5: Responsibility, maturity

Qualification #6: Self-control, kindness, maturity, thoughtfulness

Qualification #7: Submission to authority, integrity, maturity

Qualification #8: Self-control, maturity

Qualification #9: Self-control, integrity

Qualification #10: Integrity, maturity, self-control

GOING DEEPER:

1. What are the benefits of a father screening his daughter's potential suitor, as was presented in this segment? Are there any drawbacks in your opinion?

Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.

2. If you're a young man, how do you compare with this list? Which would you pass and which would you fail? How can you improve?

Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.

3. If you're a young woman, what are your thoughts about this list? If you're currently in a courting or dating relationship, how does your boyfriend compare with it?

Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.

CHAPTER SIX: Go Home and Love Your Wife

1. What kind of love does God have for us? How was it described in this segment?
God has agape love, which is self-sacrificial and loves in spite of the object of affection. (This means that God loved us, not because we were lovely or in any way worthy of His love, but simply because He chose to love us.)
2. According to Dr. Baucham, there is no excuse for a man not to love his wife. What were some of the excuses given? How were these refuted?
Reason 1:
Not in love anymore. Refutation: It doesn't matter. The Bible commands husbands to love their wives and gives no exceptions for "feeling" in love or not. It is inexcusable for a man who follows Christ to stop loving his wife.

Reason 2:
Not happy in the marriage anymore. Refutation: God gives no passes for obedience based upon someone's state of happiness. Jesus was crushed and killed for the glory of God. There was no consideration for His happiness in that process and there should be no consideration of a husband's happiness when obeying God's command to love his wife.

Reason 3:
I'm not an emotional man. Refutation: Most men are emotional over their jobs or sports, so it's no excuse to not show love to their wives. In fact, saying that he is not emotional is really saying she is not as important as those other things that make him emotional.
3. What was suggested as a way for a husband to generate feelings of love toward his wife again?
Show kindness to her; see her as created by God, as a co-heir of eternal life; as the redeemed sinner that she is. Get yourself in the mind-set of being a gospel-centered husband, a gospel-centered father, in a gospel-centered marriage.

GOING DEEPER:

1. Read Ephesians 5:25, 28; Colossians 3:19; 1 Peter 3:7 and list how husbands are to love and live with their wives. After you've made your list, write down 5-10 descriptive words that summarize how husbands should love their wives.

Ephesians 5:25 - Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.

Ephesians 5:28 - Husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies.

Colossians 3:19 - Husbands should not be harsh with their wives.

1 Peter 3:7 - Husbands are to live with their wives in an understanding way, and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life.

Descriptive words could include: self-sacrifice; compassion; tenderness; high regard

2. How is the agape love of God demonstrated in the gospel? Use Scripture to support your answer.

There are many Scripture passages that describe the agape love of God as revealed in the gospel. Possible references include John 3:16, 15:13; Romans 5:8, 8:32; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 5:2.

CHAPTER SEVEN: Leading as a Husband and Father

1. Dr. Baucham stated, “A man’s failure to lead is actually a man leading in failure.” What does he mean by this statement and do you agree with it? Why or why not?
According to the Bible, husbands are the leaders of their homes. His role as leader is not optional. A man may choose to lead well or choose to lead poorly, but he is leading nonetheless.
2. What is the definition of “patriarchy”?
Male headship.
3. Not only is male headship the result of the fall, according to some evangelical feminists, but once someone is in Christ, the curse of the fall no longer applies to them, including the curse of male headship. How did Dr. Baucham refute this assertion?
 - 1) **Ephesians 5, Colossians 3, and Titus 2 allude to male headship in the context of people who are in Christ.**
 - 2) **If being in Christ truly removed people from being under the curse, there should be no pain in childbirth for Christian women.**
4. How did Dr. Baucham refute the argument from evangelical feminism that male headship is the result of the fall of Adam and Eve into sin?
 - 1) **We see male headship in Genesis 2:
The woman was made after the man.
The woman was made for the man.
The woman was made from the man.
The woman was brought to the man.
The woman was named by the man.**
 - 2) **In Genesis 3, God holds Adam responsible for the couple’s sin. Adam did not exercise his headship.**
 - 3) **In Romans 5, Paul speaks of death entering the world through one man, Adam.**
 - 4) **Jesus is not referred to as the last Adam and Eve, but the last Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45).**
5. Contrary to male headship being the result of the fall, what does Dr. Baucham state is the actual result of the fall?
The curse is the woman’s natural rebellion to the headship of the man. The fall did not overturn God’s design for male headship; it created the struggle whereby the woman would rebel against it.

GOING DEEPER:

1. The Hebrew words for *desire* and *rule* in Genesis 3:16 also appear in Genesis 4:7. Read Genesis 4:1-7 and explain how these words are used in this passage.
In Genesis 4:1-7, Cain is considering murdering Abel. God warns him that sin’s *desire* is for him but he must *rule* over it, or master it.
2. How does the passage in Genesis 4:7 help to clarify the curse in Genesis 3:16?

As a result of the fall, Eve's desire for Adam would become a wrongful desire, that of asserting leadership over Adam. Adam then, would have to battle Eve to keep her from usurping his role. Not quite the harmonious relationship God originally designed!

CHAPTER EIGHT: Male Headship

1. In the context of this presentation, what does submission mean?
Submission is a voluntary yielding of oneself under the authority of another out of reverence for God.
2. How can a young man know if a young woman will be submissive to him after marriage?
If she is submissive to her father.
3. What does male headship in a home look like? (How is the man supposed to lead his wife and children?)
The man should be shepherding his family and conducting himself as a follower of Jesus Christ, bringing God's Word to bear on all his relationships in the home.

As a husband, the man should be discipling his wife, building her up in Christ through the washing of the Word, living with her in an understanding way (1 Peter 3:7), and praying for her sanctification.

As a father, the man should be disciplining his children in a way that brings them to the cross (Ephesians 6:4), not merely to outward obedience.

4. Dr. Baucham stated that to not desire to exercise biblical male headship is a blasphemous act. How did he support this statement?
It is a blasphemous act because marriage is a picture of Christ and the church. The husband represents Christ, and the wife represents the church (Ephesians 5:22-33).
5. According to Dr. Baucham, what is the underlying problem for a woman who is not submitting to her husband? What scriptural references would support this idea?
A wife who is not submitting to her husband has a worship disorder. Ephesians 5:22 commands wives to submit to their husbands *as to the Lord*.
6. According to Dr. Baucham, why is the issue of biblical headship so fundamentally important?
 - 1) **People are arguing against God. Titus 1:9 teaches us to "rebuke those who contradict sound doctrine."**
 - 2) **If the picture of male headship in the home is an illustration of the relationship between Christ and His Church, then anything that would mar that image is working to profane the truth about Christ.**
7. So, how will the man who understands biblical male headship view/practice his role?
 - 1) **He will not back down from his role.**
 - 2) **He will not apologize for his role.**
 - 3) **He will be terrified, because he understands the magnitude of his responsibility.**

GOING DEEPER:

1. Read Ephesians 5:22-6:9 and Colossians 3:18-4:1. Where applicable, list each category of person mentioned, the command given to them, and how/why they are to do what is commanded.

For example:

*In Ephesians 5:25, **husbands** are commanded to **love their wives**.*

*How? **By cherishing and nourishing her as he does his own body** (verses 28-29).*

*Why? **Because Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her** (verse 25).*

Ephesians 5:22-6:9:

Wives: Submit to your own husbands as to the Lord.

Why? Because the husband is the head (as Christ is Head of the church).

Husbands: Love your wives.

How? By cherishing and nourishing her as he does his own body.

Why? Because Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.

Children: Honor your parents.

How? By obeying them in the Lord.

Why? This is one of the commandments.

Fathers: Do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Slaves: Obey your earthly masters.

How? With fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, obeying as you would Christ, doing it from the heart not just to please people.

Why? Knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord.

Masters: Do the same to them.

How? (The implication is to treat them with the same Christian principles.)

Why? Because there is no partiality with God, who is both your Master and theirs.

Colossians 3:18-4:1:

Wives: submit to your husbands as is fitting in the Lord.

Husbands: love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

Children: Obey your parents in everything.

Why? This pleases the Lord.

Fathers: Do not provoke your children.

Why? So they don't become discouraged.

Slaves: Obey your earthly masters in everything.

How? With sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

Why? You are serving the Lord and from Him you will receive the inheritance of your reward.

Masters: Treat your slaves justly and fairly.

Why? You also have a Master in heaven.

2. From the Scripture passages above, what observations can you make about the proper attitude, motivation, and mindset Christians should have in their marriage, family, and work relationships?

Answer should include something similar to: having an attitude of humility and sincerity of heart; treating others the way God has treated them in Christ, (operating with a gospel-centered mindset), with love, gentleness, forgiveness, and understanding; recognizing that proper fulfillment of these roles is an act of worship to God.

CHAPTER NINE: Vocation

1. R.W. Glenn stated that people think the work they do in the world is inferior to the work they do in the church. Do you think this is a common belief? Why or why not?
Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.
2. How does the gospel refute this belief?
The gospel teaches us that all work is service to God. There is no secular/sacred distinction; everything is sacred.
3. How does God's sovereignty figure into our understanding of vocation?
God sovereignly cares for His creation by causing rain to fall and food to grow, etc. He has also sovereignly chosen mankind to take care of His creation. Every job that helps to meet the needs of creation, especially that of God's children, (mankind in general), is important and has value.
4. How are all jobs the same?
They are all important in a general sense because they all, to some degree or another, take care of God's creation, including His children.
5. In what ways are jobs different?
Some are more crucial and more urgent; some have bigger impact, and bigger effects.
6. According to Todd, how can jobs in sports or entertainment be valid?
While not necessarily urgent or crucial, if they are rightly done, serve to entertain God's children.

GOING DEEPER:

Think about the vocation in which you are currently employed or wish to pursue. List the factors that contribute to your desire to maintain or enter this profession. Have you considered it being a holy calling unto the Lord? If not, think about how God could use you in this profession to bring glory to His name.

Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.

CHAPTER TEN: Workaholism

1. List the five symptoms of workaholism.
 - 1) **Getting more excited about work than about family – or anything else.**
 - 2) **Taking work to bed at night, or doing it on weekends and vacations.**
 - 3) **Needing to defend oneself for the amount of hours worked.**
 - 4) **Getting irritated when asked to stop working.**
 - 5) **Family and/or other relationships hurt because of work.**
2. List the five results of workaholism.
 - 1) **Destroys marriages.**
 - 2) **Destroys relationships with kids and friends.**
 - 3) **Renders one useless for church work.**
 - 4) **Destroys bodies.**
 - 5) **Destroys souls.**
3. List the five causes of workaholism.
 - 1) **Idolatry – the root of all sin.**
 - 2) **Greed.**
 - 3) **An escape from less pleasant, less glamorous responsibilities.**
 - 4) **A sense of identity.**
 - 5) **Lack of trust in God to provide.**
4. List the five cures for workaholism.
 - 1) **Confess this sin to God.**
 - 2) **Confess this sin to family.**
 - 3) **Take every Sunday off.**
 - 4) **Cap work hours per week.**
 - 5) **Find joy in other things.**
5. According to the Bible, how should one prioritize their life?
God first, then spouse, children, church, and world.

GOING DEEPER

1. What is the purpose of work? Look up these verses and write down everything you learn about work: Genesis 2:15; Exodus 23:12; Proverbs 18:9; Colossians 3:22-24; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12.
Genesis 2:15: God put Adam in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it. This shows that work was part of God's plan for mankind from the beginning of creation.

Exodus 23:12: God commanded Israel to work for six days and rest on the seventh.

Proverbs 18:9: Laziness can bring about destruction.

Colossians 3:22-24: Work should be done in sincerity of heart, out of fear for the Lord, working heartily as to the Lord and not for men. It is service to the Lord Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-12: According to Paul's example to the Thessalonians, work should be done with diligence so as not to be a burden to others. Christians should shun fellow Christians within the Body who choose to live an idle lifestyle. If someone is unwilling to work, they shouldn't eat. Instead, they should work quietly to earn their own living.

2. Do you know someone who is a workaholic? What have been the effects on the family?
Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.
3. What steps can you take now to prevent yourself from becoming a workaholic in the future?
Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.

CHAPTER ELEVEN: Ten Temptations Dads Face

1. List the ten temptations that most dads face.
 - 1) **The pull to spend more time at work and leave the “leftovers” for the family.**
 - 2) **Thinking he’ll spend more time with the kids once they are older.**
 - 3) **Assuming “quality time” trumps “quantity time”.**
 - 4) **Reasoning that divorce is the right thing to do.**
 - 5) **Thinking that the beautiful woman down the street could meet his needs better than his wife.**
 - 6) **Leaving the church stuff to his wife or the youth pastor.**
 - 7) **Being naïve about the prevalence of drugs and alcohol in his community.**
 - 8) **Rationalizing he’s blown it as a father and there’s no hope to fix things.**
 - 9) **Assuming someone else will have the sex talk with his children.**
 - 10) **Taking his wife for granted.**
2. What do you think is the root cause of these temptations?
At the root is idolatry – worship of the self. Idolatry can manifest itself in self-centeredness, greed, lust and a host of other sins.
3. How can a man overcome these temptations?
By being a gospel-centered husband and father who rightly recognizes that what he justly deserves from God is eternal punishment in hell. Yet through God’s grace, he’s received forgiveness for his sins and life everlasting. This perspective changes how he views himself, his family, and his work. His entire life is now lived as a willing sacrifice to the One who willingly sacrificed so much on his behalf.

GOING DEEPER:

1. Write a rebuttal or counterpoint to each of the ten temptations mentioned in this segment, using Scripture references wherever possible.
Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.
For example: Counter temptation #1 with something like, “Instead of leaving the ‘leftovers’ for his family, a father should prioritize his family ahead of his work. According to Ephesians 5:28-29, a man ought to nourish and cherish his wife as he does his own body. This is something he can’t properly do if he spends most of his time and energy at work.”
2. Compare your father against this list. In what areas does he excel and in what areas does he struggle?
Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.
3. How can you pray for your father to overcome these temptations? (If you don’t have a father, or don’t live with your father, think about ways you can pray for your pastor.)
Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.

CHAPTER TWELVE: Hero of the Titanic

1. Write a brief bio on John Harper, based upon what was presented in this segment.
He was an evangelist from Glasgow, Scotland, preaching in the United Kingdom. He was saved at thirteen years old and started open air preaching at seventeen. A widower with a young daughter, he boarded the Titanic on its maiden voyage. He and his daughter were headed to Moody Church in Chicago where he had been invited to speak. Even while on the ship, he continued to evangelize. On the fateful night of April 14, when the Titanic hit the iceberg and started sinking, John put his young daughter on a life boat, gave his life jacket to another passenger, and proceeded to share the gospel with the panicked passengers. Even when he was in the frigid sea, and death was close at hand, it was reported that John Harper continued to call his fellow passengers to faith in Jesus Christ.
2. How did John Harper display the qualities of biblical manhood?
Answer may vary, but can include: He knew what God had called him to do and he did it with fervency, excellence, and passion. He was courageous in the midst of chaos and panic, and didn't lose sight of his calling even in the face of death. He lived out the principles of the gospel by willingly giving up his life so that another could live. He was a godly example of putting God first in life and in death.
3. The Apostle Paul said, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21). What did he mean by this statement? Read Philippians 1:12-26 for the context. For further insight, read Romans 14:7-8; 1 Corinthians 6:20; 2 Corinthians 11:24-28; Colossians 1:24-29. What application can you make to your life?
Paul recognized that he had been bought with a price (1 Corinthians 6:20), therefore, he belonged to the Lord (Romans 14:7-8). His life was full of suffering as an Apostle (2 Corinthians 11:24-28), yet he rejoiced in his sufferings because God was using him to proclaim the gospel. He had a strong desire to depart and be with Christ (Philippians 1:23), he also wanted to continue to live – not for his own purposes, but solely for the purpose of spreading the gospel and strengthening the churches (Philippians 1:22-26). Paul was determined that whatever happened, either life or death, Christ would be honored.
4. The Apostle Paul further instructed the Philippian Christians with this exhortation: "Let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ..." (Philippians 1:27). Read the following Scripture passages and write a synopsis describing conduct worthy of the gospel of Christ. (Feel free to use more Scripture if you'd like!)
Ephesians 4:1-3; 5:1-21
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Ephesians 4:1-3: With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Ephesians 5:1-21: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us. Let there be no filthiness, foolish talk or crude joking, but thanksgiving. Do not become partners with those who are sexually immoral, impure or covetous. Try to discern what is

pleasing to the Lord. Expose the works of darkness. Walk wisely, making the best use of the time. Don't be drunk with wine, but filled with the Holy Spirit, addressing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Give thanks always, and for everything; submit to one another out of reverence for the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8: Abstain from sexual immorality; control your body in holiness and honor.

GOING DEEPER:

If you're saved, is your conduct (way of life) worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ? Be honest with yourself and do a reality check:

Are you battling sin every day?

Are you growing in sanctification; that is, becoming more and more like Jesus Christ?

Is the fruit of the Spirit evident in your life?

Write out a progress report as to how you think you're doing; then spend some time praying about it. If you want to get really serious, ask someone close to you to read your progress report and give you his or her feedback.

Answer should be well thought out and supported with scriptural references where applicable.

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