



## Rejoicing in God's Good Design

### Scope & Sequence

The *Rejoicing in God's Good Design* study helps students understand and rejoice in God's good design in creating men and women fully equal in His image, yet with different roles. Because male-female differences are rooted in God's created design, the only way people can understand who we are as men and women is to come to terms with the Creator and what He tells us about ourselves in Scripture. Students will be encouraged to value the members of the opposite gender as they learn how God has uniquely designed each gender to fulfill distinct callings.

It is our prayer that God uses this material to give the next generation a vision for becoming mature Christian men and women as they navigate their way to maturity amid the gender confusion and distorted messages they are receiving from the world. The study includes PowerPoint® presentations to help engage students during teaching times. Through the use of Student Journals, youth are encouraged to study the topic further and apply truths learned to their own lives both in the classroom and at home.

#### Lesson 1: Acknowledging the Creator

Proverbs 3:5-6

**To understand anything correctly, we must first come to terms with the Creator.**

#### Lesson 2: Acknowledging Our Created-ness

Romans 9:20-21a

**We are creatures and not gods.**

#### Lesson 3: The Design of the Creator: Man Created Male and Female

Genesis 1:27

**God designed man as male and female, and this is very good.**

#### Lesson 4: Male Headship in Creation

1 Timothy 2:13

**God created men to have a unique role of responsibility and authority in the world.**

#### Lesson 5: Female Submission in Creation

1 Corinthians 11:8-9

**God created women for a complementary role of submission in relation to men.**

#### Lesson 6: The Equality of Men and Women

Galatians 3:28

**Men and women are equal in dignity, value, and worth.**

#### Lesson 7: The Fall and Gender

Genesis 3:6

**In rejecting the word and design of their Creator, Adam and Eve fell into sin and brought disharmony to men and women.**

#### Lesson 8: The Continuing Rebellion Against God's Design— Male Rejection or Abuse of Headship

Genesis 3:16b

**The curse of God has left men prone to rejecting or abusing their God-given headship.**

#### Lesson 9: The Continuing Rebellion Against God's Design— Female Rejection of Submission

Genesis 3:16b

**The curse of God has left women prone to resisting appropriate male authority.**

Lesson 10: The Continuing Rebellion Against God's Design—Homosexuality Romans 1:28  
**Homosexuality is a serious distortion of God's good design.**

Lesson 11: Embracing Masculinity and Femininity 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Peter 3:4  
**Masculinity and femininity are cultivated by embracing God's design.**

Lesson 12: A Role Model of Masculinity—Paul Philippians 3:17  
**Paul is a great role model of masculinity.**

Lesson 13: The Role Model of Masculinity—Jesus John 10:27  
**Jesus is the perfect role model of masculinity.**

Lesson 14: What Masculinity Is Not Titus 2:7-8  
**Mature masculinity involves neither people-pleasing nor abrasively domineering, but involves the pursuit of godly character.**

Lesson 15: A Role Model of Femininity—Ruth Ruth 1:16  
**Ruth is great biblical role model of femininity.**

Lesson 16: More Role Models of Femininity—Mary, Sarah, Lois Luke 1:38b  
**The Bible presents many admirable women, like Mary, Sarah, and Lois, to serve as role models of femininity.**

Lesson 17: What Femininity Is Not Proverbs 31:30  
**Femininity is not a dishonorable calling of passivity and weakness, but an honorable calling of God-honoring activity and strength.**

Lesson 18: Sexual Purity Matthew 5:8  
**Sexual impurity is a serious and destructive sin that should be avoided at all costs.**

Lesson 19: Honoring and Respecting the Other Gender Romans 12:10  
**Men and women are to honor and respect the opposite gender.**

Lesson 20: Singleness 1 Corinthians 7:7-8  
**Singleness is a gift from God and should be wisely used for the glory of God.**

Lesson 21: Marriage Proverbs 18:22  
**Young men and women who want to be married should pursue this with great wisdom, discretion, patience, and faith in God.**

Lesson 22: Gender in the Family—Male Headship in the Home Ephesians 5:23  
**Men have a unique and God-given role of headship in the home over their wives and children.**

Lesson 23: Gender in the Family—Female Submission in the Home Ephesians 5:22  
**Women have a calling from God to gladly submit to and honor their husbands in the home.**

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**Lesson 24: Gender in the Church**

1 Timothy 3:2-3

**Although certain roles of headship and authority are restricted to men, there is much fulfilling work to be done by both men and women in the church.**

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**Lesson 25: The Value of Homemaking and Motherhood in the World**

Titus 2:4-5

**Being a wife, a homemaker, and a mother is challenging and fulfilling occupation for women, and is extremely valuable to the world.**

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**Lesson 26: The Value of Work and Male Initiative in the World**

Colossians 3:23

**All men should be encouraged to work hard and take initiative for the good of others.**

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**Lesson 27: Not Prolonging Adolescence**

1 Timothy 4:12

**All young men and women should accept God's calling to maturity and responsibility early, and not prolong adolescence and immaturity.**

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**Lesson 28: Rejoicing in or Rejecting God's Good Design**

1 Timothy 4:7-8

**Young men should rejoice in God's good design and train themselves for mature masculinity, and young women should likewise rejoice and train themselves for mature femininity.**

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