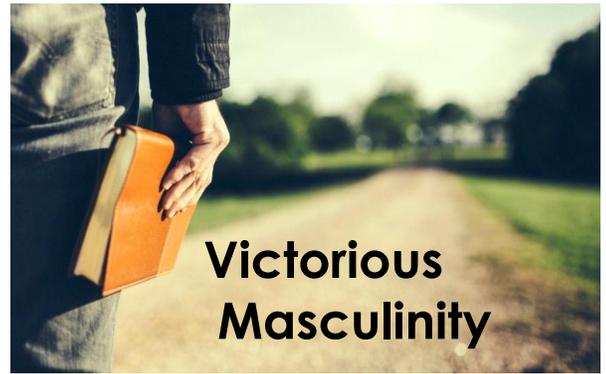


What does it mean to be **male** as envisioned by our Creator?

## “Have You Not Read...?” (Matt 19:4)

### The Fundamental Facts

- In the beginning, God \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Gen 1:1-25)
- God created \_\_\_\_\_ beings.  
(Acts 17:25-28; Isa 43:6-7; Psa 148)
- Human beings are created in God’s own \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Gen 1:26-27a; 5:1; 9:1-6; James 3:8-9)
- \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the most basic expressions of the image of God.  
(Gen 1:27b)
  1. Gender is set, not by *my* decision in *my* mind, but by God’s design in my nature.
  2. **Romans 1:19-32** draws a parallel between the way nature teaches about God and the way nature teaches about masculinity and femininity; those who ignore are “**without excuse.**”
- Which means our responsibility is not simply to ask, “**What makes a man or a woman?**” but “\_\_\_\_\_ **makes a man or a woman?**” and “**What does he \_\_\_\_\_?**”



## “Let Us Make Man...” (Gen 1:26)

### What Did the LORD God Have in Mind?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 2:15) - work, keep, order, maintain.  
**Requires** \_\_\_\_\_, care, and endurance
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 2:16-17) - learn, explore, enjoy, teach.  
**Requires** faith, \_\_\_\_\_, and wisdom
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 2:17) - guard, contend, act, lead.  
**Requires** energy, discipline, and \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 2:18) - connect, participate, commune, help.  
**Requires** \_\_\_\_\_, availability, and love

### Conclusion:

- \_\_\_\_\_ are born; \_\_\_\_\_ are made (1 Cor 13:11; 16:13-14).
- We have allowed our awesome dignity to be marred by \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 3:23; 6:23).
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the answer (Eph 4:17-24; Rom 6:1-4).