

**God's Wisdom for Our Lives – Week 26**  
**The Wise Man – Masculinity In Reference to God**

**Warm-Up:**

1. Culturally speaking, how is masculinity most often characterized or defined?
2. What's wrong with many of the *cultural* assumptions about masculinity?
3. What are some potentially faulty assumptions about *biblical* masculinity?
4. For the ladies here today, why is this topic relevant for you? Why don't you get a pass to tune out?
5. How have our previous lessons from Proverbs already been instructing us regarding biblical masculinity?

**Read Prov 24:23-34 – Sacrificial Responsibility**

6. What responsibility is a man called to in verses 23-26?
  - a. How would you connect these proverbs to the ten commandments? What command(s) undergird these proverbs?
7. What are the respective blessings and curses attached to the two responses to the wicked in verses 24-25?
  - a. How do these blessings and curses indicate that our response is a responsibility?
8. What responsibility is a man called to in verses 28-29?
9. What responsibility is a man called to in verse 27?
  - a. What are some potential applications of this responsibility?
10. What is the warning from verses 30-34?
  - a. By implication what responsibility is a man called to in verses 30-34?
  - b. What are some potential applications of this responsibility?

**Gen 1-3**

11. What responsibility is given to mankind in Gen 1:26-28?
12. What responsibility is given to Adam in Gen 2:15-17?

13. Who is created to help Adam with these responsibilities in Gen 2:17-24?

14. Who does God hold accountable for the fall in Gen 3:9-12?

### **Read Prov 5 – Fidelity**

15. What is the father's warning to his son in verses 7-8?

16. What are the consequences of adultery (verses 4-6 and 9-14)?

17. What are some other expressions of infidelity?

18. How does the father compare fidelity and infidelity in verse 20 and/or in verses 15-17?

19. What does the father commend to his son in verses 18 and 20?

a. How do the consequences of adultery from above inversely point us to the blessing of fertility?

20. How does a man's faithfulness to his wife point to spiritual realities?

21. How does this passage apply to single men?

22. Who sees and knows all (verses 21-23)?

### **Conclusion**

23. How does this kind of masculinity model Christ?

24. How is Christ the quintessential example of sacrificial responsibility?

25. How is Christ the quintessential example of fidelity and faithfulness?