

# MAJORING IN MEN®

The Curriculum for Men

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome aboard! I am delighted to extend greetings on behalf of men from Cincinnati to Singapore, and from New York to Nepal, who are stepping up to the challenge of MAJORING IN MEN®.

My prayer, as you work through this workbook and its corresponding book, is for God to reveal Himself and yourself, pinpointing areas of your life for change and encouraging you in your strengths, convictions and dreams.

Some men will skim through and receive some help. Others—and I trust this means you—will read the books, meditate on the truths and memorize the principles, all with the ambition of becoming great men of courage, mighty men of valor—the heroes desperately needed in today's world.

My goal is for you to be changed, educated and, most of all, deepened in conviction and revelation that comes only from drawing close to God. My dream in preparing this course is for men to rise up throughout the world to study further, teach better and reach more men than I have. To that end and for that purpose, I have devoted my life and labor for the last fifty years.

This may well be one of the most life-changing experiences of your life. Let it be. Better yet—make it be. Truth is like soap. It works only if it's applied.

I admire you for taking this step.

#### Statement of Ministry

"I have been called to speak with a prophetic voice to the men of this generation and commissioned with a ministry majoring in men to declare a standard for manhood, and that standard is 'manhood and Christlikeness are synonymous.'"

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### **SPECIAL NOTE**

This book has proven successful with both men's and women's groups, as well as with individuals and couples. If you study as a couple outside of a class situation, work separately, then compare notes to see what you've learned. Where you have differences, dig deeper into Scripture, utilizing the *For Further Study* section. Then pray together and come into a place of agreement. Sometimes a troublesome issue early in the book is resolved by the end of the book. If you still struggle as a couple, seek your pastor's or leader's help.

# "Rules of the Road" for MAJORING IN MEN® Curriculum

- 1. Give it your all! This curriculum is a private meeting between your heart and God's. What you put into it determines what you'll get out of it. Give God the opportunity to build character, instill dreams and visions and change your life!
- 2. Buy the corresponding book from your local bookstore. If you cannot find the book locally, you may write to Watercolor Books® at P.O. Box 93234, Southlake, TX 76092, USA, or to order with a credit card by email, log onto www.EdColeLibrary.org.
- 3. Take the Self Test after completing each lesson, using your book as needed. At the end of the book, take the Final Exam.
- 4. Many churches use MAJORING IN MEN<sup>®</sup> curriculum and collect the Final Exams to "graduate" their students. Contact www.EdColeLibrary.org for a list of ministries that commission men.
- 5. Let's get going!

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Lesson 1
The Uniqueness of the Woman



#### Lesson 1

# The Uniqueness of the Woman

Во	oth men and women have a God-given (fill in the blank) (page 15)
ar	nnoying habit uniqueness problem to overcome
1.	Men and women are a complement to each other. (page 15)
	True False
2.	Statistically, how many women are probably abused? (page 16)
3.	Name some results in women's lives from abuse, hurt or sexual molestation. (pages 16-17)
4.	How do small gestures like birthday and anniversary cards make a woman feel? (page 17)

#### For Further Study

See dictionary definitions for unique – "One and only, having no like or equal, unparalleled, highly unusual, extraordinary, rare." Compare to Psalm 139:13-18.

Satan's pattern – Damaging, perverting, robbing and limiting women – Genesis 3; "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy" John 10:10; "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" 1 Peter 5:8.

В.	Ever	ry man or woma	n has a		hunger. (fill	l in the blank) (page 17)	
	reco	gnition	deprivation	self-involveme	ent		
	1.	Circle the corre	ct response for a ma	n when his wife	e asks, "Do	you love me?" (page 18)	
		a. "Yeah"	b. "I did when	we married; if	it changes, I	I'll tell you."	
		c. "Is the sky l	olue; is water wet; ar	e mountains hi	gh? That's h	ow much I love you!"	
	2.	What satisfies a	woman's sense of u	niqueness? (circ	cle all that a	pply) (page 18)	
		a. sex	b. worth	c. gifts		d. love	
	3.	Why do some n	ninisters' wives resen	it the church or	ministry? (	pages 18-19)	
		What is the ant	idote to cure this?				
	4.	A life without v	ralue is	(page	: 19)		

People need to feel loved and valued. Reward workers – 1 Corinthians 9:7-10; 1 Timothy 5:18.

Ministers' wives who work alongside their husbands deserve compensation and a sense of value (Reap where you sow spiritually) – Romans 15:27, 28 TLB; 1 Corinthians 9:11, 13-14.

The rewards of hard work – Proverbs 13:11, 12; "For the workman deserves his support (his living, his food)" Matthew 10:10 AMP.

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C.	Write th	e letter of the word that best completes the sentences.	(ра	ges 19-20)
	1.	Men and women derive satisfaction from	a.	completion
	2.	Adam was given stewardship over the	b.	imparting revelation and eternal life
	3.	A man's uniqueness is basically fulfilled in his	c.	reproductive process on earth
	4.	Jesus was replenished in energy by	d.	different sources
	5.	For love to exist, there must be an	e.	object to love
	6.	Women were created as the man's	f.	job
D.	1. Ada	id Adam's characteristics come from? (page 20) um had the nature of God in him, including the tende turer. (page 20)  True False		
		God had created the woman from anything other than all have been inferior to the man. (page 20)  True False	tha	t which was already in Adam, she

God reveals the equality in the creation of man and woman – Genesis 1:26-27; 2:23; Ephesians 5:28-29; "In the Lord, however, woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman" 1 Corinthians 11:11 NIV. The rib is symbolic of characteristics God took to make the woman's nature – "She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man" Genesis 2:23; "For as the woman is from the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God" 1 Corinthians 11:12.

	3.	Whom did God call "Adam"? (page 21)
	4.	How is a woman's uniqueness basically satisfied? (page 21)
Е.		e problem in marriage is that men and women generally do not appreciate each other's  or
		. (page 21)
	1.	Women dream of the ideal and marry the man. (page 21)
	2.	Memorize: "Disappointments are not based on what you find, but on what you expect to find." (page 21) When did you personally experience this?
	3.	After marriage, do most men continue courtship? (page 21) Yes No
	4.	What is one of the great dangers in marriage? (page 22)

Women – Genesis 3:16; Ephesians 5:24; "A virtuous and capable wife ... is worth more than precious rubies" Proverbs 31:10 NLT.

Worth in relation to a husband - Proverbs 31:11, 12

Demanding satisfaction from your spouse indicates a lack of love – 1 Corinthians 10:24, 33; 13:4-7.

Loving adds to; demanding takes from - Luke 6:38; Romans 12:6-8; 13:9-10.

loday's society puts heavy burdens on both men and women. What are they? (page 22)
Men:
Women:
What is the result in women? (page 22)
There is a rest in the that frees us from the burden of the (page 22)

Family members can pressure us to conform to their images of us – Luke 10:38-42. Set priorities – Romans 12:2; Ephesians 5:15-17. Resting in the eternal frees us from the burden of the temporal – Matthew 6:25-34. God desires our highest good – Psalm 37:1-4; Proverbs 23:18; Jeremiah 29:11.

#### Practical:

1.	What are your thoughts regarding God having both the male and female qualities? Discuss with your spouse or a friend the completeness of God and how men and women equally express His image.
2.	Write your opinion on whether women are inferior to men. In what way(s) are they weaker? Stronger?
3.	When was the last time you took your spouse away alone? Plan NOW!

#### Repeat this prayer out loud:

Father, thank You for giving me a new revelation about men and women and the image of God we both express. Please change all my wrong thinking and attitudes toward women as I study to show myself approved to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### Principles I want to memorize:

# Self Test Lesson 1

False
reasons why some women never enjoy the true freedom of being uniquely a woman:
ecognition hunger."
hout value is: (circle one)
less b. livable c. happier
me of Adam's traits before Eve was created:
woman's uniqueness basically satisfied?
disappointments normally based on?
men sometimes change in their attitude toward their wives, from courtship to marriage?
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