

Reflective Review Summary – Introduction Session: Excavation Manhood: Identity, November 24, 2025

We reviewed the objectives for 2026. In Genesis 1–2, we explored nine creative qualities God placed in humanity from the beginning—foundations for purpose, maturity, and meaningful relationships.

A. Objectives for 2026

1. **Monthly Excavation Sessions** – Third Saturdays dedicated to one created-identity theme each month, reflecting on how it shapes thinking, behavior, and growth.
2. **Brotherhood Partnerships** – Weekly check-ins for encouragement, support, and accountability.
3. **Guided Identity Curriculum** – A structured study plan walking men through the nine God-given identity traits.
4. **Retreat / Workshop (Nov. 2026)** – “Uncovering the True You,” a weekend reflection on a year of excavation and key principles for moving forward.
5. **Creative Tools** – Journals, identity cards with Scripture affirmations, and personal testimonies (video or in person).

B. The ninefold created identity

1. **The ability to be creative.**
 - *Genesis 1:26–27; cf. 11:5–6*
 - Humanity reflects God’s image as a creator and innovator.
2. **The ability to be productive.**
 - *Genesis 1:28*
 - Fruitfulness is not optional—it is a divine expectation.
3. **The ability to manage properly.**
 - *Genesis 2:15*
 - Stewardship and responsibility define mature manhood.
4. **The ability to be supervised.**
 - *Genesis 2:16*
 - Submission to divine authority ensures order and growth.
5. **The ability to make intelligent choices.**
 - *Genesis 2:17*
 - Wisdom and discernment guard destiny.
6. **The ability to trust God.**
 - *Genesis 2:21*
 - Trust precedes revelation; Adam rested, and God worked.
7. **The ability to recognize dignity and quality in another.**
 - *Genesis 2:23*
 - True identity recognizes value in others.
8. **The ability to be committed in covenant relationship.**
 - *Genesis 2:24*
 - Commitment anchors purpose and unity.
9. **The ability to be transparent.**
 - *Genesis 2:25*
 - Authenticity sustains intimacy; transparency is strength, not weakness

C. Moving forward

We begin our deep dig into the first identity, “**creative**,” on January 17, 2026 (Session I).

May these qualities inspire deeper reflection and renewed commitment to God’s design within each of us. Merry Christmas, and I look forward to our gathering in January 2026.

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