

Gospel Lighthouse Church
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Excavation Manhood-Identity

Session 2- Man as a Productive Being

Introduction: This session continues our journey into the Ninefold Identity of man by building upon the foundational truth established in Session 1: **man was created as a creative being**. Creativity is not a skill some men possess and others lack—it is the first and fundamental expression of the image of God placed within humanity. In this session, we move deeper, uncovering another dimension of man's original design: **productive potential**—the God-given capacity to generate, multiply, sustain, and bring vision into tangible form.

This session is not about discovering something new, but about **recovering what was always there**.

Every man carries within him a hidden design—an identity crafted intentionally by the Creator. Yet, like treasure buried beneath layers of soil, this divine identity is often obscured by time, culture, trauma, mis-definition, and spiritual neglect. The process of uncovering this original design is what we call **excavation**.

To excavate means:

- To dig out and remove.
- To expose to view by digging away what covers.

Scriptural excavation requires more than casual reading. It demands that we dig beneath surface familiarity and inherited assumptions to uncover the truths embedded by God at creation. When we excavate scripture, we are not reshaping man according to preference or personality—we are revealing God's original blueprint.

1. Scripture as the Excavation Tool

- Hebrews 4:12 declares:

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit... and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

The word of God does not merely inform behavior—it **reveals identity**. It cuts through distortion, separates what has been added from what was assigned, and exposes who man was before sin, before systems, and before survival shaped him.

Genesis chapters 1 and 2 are not simply historical narratives; they are **identity documents**. Within these passages, God embeds nine distinct creative qualities and divine potentials that together form the foundation of true manhood. These qualities are not earned through maturity or performance—they were **assigned at creation**.

a. Session 1 Recap: Man as a Creative Being

In our previous session, we uncovered the first of the ninefold identities: **creativity**. Genesis reveals that before man was given responsibility, authority, or instruction, he was created in the image of a Creator. Before Adam was tasked, named, cultivated, or governed, he was designed to imagine, to shape, to build, and to bring forth what did not yet exist. Creativity is not optional. It is not accidental. It is not selective. It is the first visible expression of God's likeness in man.

b. Session 2 Focus: Productive Potential

Session 2 invites us to dig deeper into the excavation and uncover creativity's companion within the ninefold identity: **productive potential**. While creativity conceives, productive potential produces. It is the God-given capacity to take vision and turn it into substance, to steward what has been created, and to generate lasting fruit.

2. Productive potential speaks to:

- a. Multiplication

- b. Stewardship
- c. Sustainability
- d. Increase
- e. Completion

This identity reveals that man was not only designed to imagine, but to **bring things to maturity**, to cultivate what exists, and to ensure that what God initiates does not remain unfinished.

3. Community participation and Collective Discovery

This excavation is not meant to be done in isolation. Identity is reclaimed most powerfully in community, where revelation is sharpened through shared discovery, dialogue, and accountability. As we explore the ninefold identity together, we create space for alignment, correction, and affirmation.

We are not inventing identity—we are **recovering what God already designed**.

Foundational Scripture for This Session

Genesis 1:26–2:25: These chapters serve as the primary excavation site for this study. Within them, we will continue uncovering the divine qualities God embedded in man at creation—before the fall, before distortion, and before limitation.

Key Takeaway: Man's identity precedes his assignment. When identity is revealed, purpose becomes clear. As we continue this journey into the Ninefold Identity of man, we are not merely studying scripture—we are uncovering who we were created to be.

Key Terms:

- a. **Created** — Something brought into existence by God's design.
- b. **Potential** — Existing in possibility; capable of development into actuality.

These two words shape the journey. We are created by design, not accident. And within that design lies potential—dormant power waiting to be activated.

1. The 1st created identity and potential: the ability to be creative— *Genesis 1:26–27; cf. 11:5–6.*

Man was formed in the image of the Creator Himself. Creativity is not a side feature—it is a reflection of God's nature within us. Every man has been gifted with imagination, innovation, and the ability to bring ideas into reality. When we create—whether through art, problem-solving, leadership, or craftsmanship—we mirror the God who first said, *"Let there be."*

2. The 2nd created identity and potential: the ability to be productive—*Genesis 1:28.*

From the beginning, God blessed man and commanded him to be fruitful. Productivity is not an option—it is a divine expectation. The blessing of fruitfulness calls every man to multiply his influence, steward his gifts, and leave something better than he found it. Productivity is external evidence that a man has received and responded to God's blessing.

- a. Your God-given identity carries inherent potential and expectation.
- b. Don't wait for others to affirm you—God has already placed value within you.
- c. You are a plus/asset not a minus/liability in and to the earth.

Before anything was done, God spoke based on identity, not experience or training.

- This truth isn't grounded in what you've accomplished, but in what's already in you. It can be developed—but first, it must be recognized.

3. Summary Statements

- a. Man's identity precedes his assignment.
- b. Creativity reveals God's image in man.
- c. Productivity expresses God's intention through man.
- d. We are recovering and becoming original design.
- e. God's Word exposes who we were before distortion shaped us.
- f. Productivity is the natural outflow of divine identity, not self-effort alone.
- g. Every man carries dormant potential waiting for recognition and development.
- h. What God initiates in a man is meant to reach maturity, not remain unfinished.

Take-Home Group Exercise: "Excavating Productivity"—Group participation.

Objective: Help participants identify, uncover, and activate productive potential already within them.

Part 1 — Personal Reflection—1st week's assignment.

- a. Each participant writes answers or discuss with group to:
- b. What ideas, dreams, or visions have I conceived but never brought to completion?
- c. Where in my life do I start well but struggle to sustain or finish?
- d. What abilities do others see in me that I have not fully developed?

Part 2 — Excavation Through Scripture—2nd week's assignment.

- a. Read Genesis 1:28 together. Discuss:
- b. What does "be fruitful" look like beyond biology?
- c. Where might God be calling me to multiply influence, not just activity?

Part 3 — Community Affirmation—3rd week's assignment.

- a. Each person shares one area where they sense untapped productive potential.
- b. Others speak observable strengths and capacities they see in that person.

Part 4 — Activation Step—4th week's assignment.

- a. Each participant chooses one unfinished vision and defines:
- b. One practical step to take this week.
- c. One habit that must change to support productivity.
- d. One person who will hold them accountable.

Closing Declaration (Read Together)

- a. I am created by design, not accident.
- b. I carry creative ability and productive potential.
- c. What God placed in me is meant to grow, multiply, and mature.
- d. I will cultivate what I have been given.

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