

GLC  
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Excavation Manhood-Identity

**Session 3- Man: The Ability to Manage Properly**

**A. Introduction: Recovering Man's Original Design.**

1. This session continues our journey into the **Ninefold Identity of Man**.
2. **Session 1:** Man was created as a **creative being**: Creativity reflects the **image of God** in man.
3. **Session 2:** Man was created to be **productive**—*Genesis 1:28*: Creativity was meant to produce results.
4. **Session 3:** We uncover another part of man's identity: The ability to manage properly—*Genesis 2:15*.  
This session is not about discovering something new but **recovering what has always been there**.  
Every man carries a **hidden design** placed within him by God. Over time this identity can become covered by culture, trauma, mis-definition and spiritual neglect. The process of uncovering is called **excavation**.

**B. Excavation: Digging Beneath the Surface.**

1. **To excavate means:** to dig out and remove, to expose what has been covered.
2. Scriptural excavation requires **intentional study**.
3. When we excavate Scripture: we are not redefining man but uncovering **God's original blueprint**.

**C. Scripture Is the Excavation Tool: Hebrews 4:12:**

*"For the word of God is living and active... discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."*

1. God's Word does more than correct behavior. It **reveals identity**.
2. The Word: cuts through distortion and separates what has been **added** from what was **assigned**.
3. **Genesis 1–2 are identity documents**. These chapters reveal the **creative qualities and divine potential** placed within man at creation.

**D. The transition: Creative → Productive → Responsible/ability to manage properly.**

1. **Session 1 – Creative:** Man reflects the **creative nature of God**.
2. **Session 2 – Productive**—*Genesis 1:28*—God commanded man to: be fruitful, multiply, replenish and subdue. Creativity becomes visible through **productivity**.
3. **Session 3 – The ability to manage properly = responsibility**.

**E. Assignment Reveals Management—Genesis 2:15:**

*"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it."*

1. God gave Adam responsibility to **manage the garden**.
2. Management includes stewardship of time, talent, relationships, resources and calling.
3. Management is a **sacred trust**.
4. True stewardship reflects wisdom, discipline and accountability before God.
5. Part of your identity is this: **you are an asset on the earth**. View yourself as a **plus**, not a minus.

**F. Principles of Responsibility/management.**

1. Responsibility is the **soil where maturity grows**.
2. Responsibility is the **mark of a mature man**.
3. The order of design:
  - a. **Creativity gives vision**.
  - b. **Productivity produces results**.
  - c. **Management preserves what's produced**.

4. Without management: creativity is wasted and productivity eventually collapses.
5. God designed man not only to **start things**, but to **steward them**.

#### **G. Summary: Trust Before Performance.**

1. Before there was sin, conflict, or competition—there was **responsibility**.
2. God placed Adam in the garden with a **management assignment**.
3. Two important truths:
  - a. **God entrusted Adam before Adam proved anything.**
  - b. **Trust preceded performance.**
4. God recognized Adam's **identity and potential** before his results!!!

#### **H. Closing Connection.**

1. **Session 1:** You are **creative**.
2. **Session 2:** You are **productive**.
3. **Session 3:** You are designed to **manage properly**.
4. Key truths: creativity reflects **God's image**, productivity fulfills **God's mandate**, management demonstrates **God's trust**.

#### **I. When Management Is Missing.**

1. Vision leaks.
2. Resources drain.
3. Relationships decay.
4. Callings weaken.

#### **Application assignment.**

1. Choose **one area** where you can become a better manager/steward.
2. Track your progress for the **next 21 days**.

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