## Men's Retreat Session Four "Stewarding Truth in a Time of Error"

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"The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth."

II Timothy 2:24-25

- I. Our moral positions are formed according to our WORLD VIEW.
  - A. A Biblical world view includes the concepts of **CREATED INTENT** and **FALLEN NATURE**.
  - B. Created Intent: We are CREATED BEINGS formed with INTENTION
  - C. Fallen Nature: Our **PHYSICAL**, **EMOTIONAL**, and **SPIRITUAL** selves are not what they were intended to be.

WE ARE ALL CREATED BY GOD. WE ARE NOT ALL GOD CREATED US TO BE.

- II. Man was formed in **PERFECTION** but not **COMPLETION**.
  - A. Completion was provided in a union which is **HETEROSEXUAL**, **INDEPENDENT**, **MONOGAMOUS**, and **PERMANENT**. (Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:4-6)
  - B. In this fallen world completion is **APPROACHED** but never fully **ATTAINED**.
- III. The sexual union is SACRED making sexual sin a SACRILEGE.
  - A. The union typifies God's inherent **NATURE**. (Genesis 1:27)
  - B. The union typifies God's **PASSION** for His people. (Ephesians 5:31-32) "GREAT MYSTERY CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH."
  - C. Sexual morality is a **PRIMARY**, rather than a **SECONDARY** issue. (I Corinthians 5, I Corinthians 6:15-20)