

Lesson 6b - What God Made Us for

1. Understanding what we were created to be and to do is hugely important because it tells us what things we should focus on in our life & healing.
2. Remember the 1st question. We were created to glorify and enjoy God. That is also present in the Standards' view of human beings. The first thing to note is that they "were happy in their communion with" him (4.2) and gave them "communion with himself" which also included "instituting the Sabbath" (WLC 20). The payoff: in every time and place, this is our first priority, to fellowship with God and enjoy Him.
3. He also possessed and would develop virtues that would reflect the glory of God. He would develop His character. "endued with knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness, after His own image, having the law of God written in their hearts, and power to fulfill it" (4.2).
4. Human beings were made as male and female and thus for marriage. By extension, they were also created for communion and fellowship with one another. We were created for cooperation! "The providence of God toward man in the estate in which he was created, was the placing him in paradise, appointing him to dress it, giving him liberty to eat of the fruit of the earth; putting the creatures under his dominion, and ordaining marriage for his help . . ." (WLC 20). There is cooperation in labor.
5. Human beings were created for labor. They were given dominion over the earth and a call to take care of the Garden. Colossians 3 indicates that honest labor is still something for which we are created and which glorifies God. We should see honest labor as good. We were made to do significant things that bless ourselves and ourselves and glorify God.
6. We were created to enjoy the world: "giving him liberty to eat of the fruit of the earth" (WLC 20). I would say that there is even a duty, as it says in 1 Tim. 4:3-5.
7. We were created to do all this as good forever, but we were capable (and did!) fall into sin: "yet subject to fall" (WLC 17).
8. This can help guide us as to how we should live in the present. See how i explain this in the following article:

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