

## **Love and Responsibility**

John Paul II states that the relationship between man and woman has an impact on every sphere of life: politics, the social sphere, economics. Isn't the lust with which man looks at a woman related to the lust of consuming, accumulating, robbing and using people? What is that personalization of sexual energy which is traditionally called chastity? And what are the precise dynamics of the generative power in our personality? This course will examine these and similar questions.

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## **Character for leadership supported by Aristotle**

Aristotle's practical philosophy founded centuries of reflection on key issues of human existence. Some selected chapters lead us into discussions of those aspects most relevant for good leadership:

- Why do we do everything we do?
- What is the meaning of being active?
- Character: intellectual and emotional qualities.
- Different kinds of friendship.
- What about money?
- How to bring about human flourishing?

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## **Love and Work**

In the book of Genesis, the creation account lays particular emphasis on two themes: the task of subduing the earth, and the gift of love found in the relationships between man and God, as well as man and woman. A primordial harmony obtains between love and work, but this harmony tends toward discordance immediately after the Fall. Bringing these integral elements of human life back to their original concord requires a rediscovery of the role played by each in Christian living, as well as a struggle to properly order the two. This constitutes our goal: we will address these two human themes in order to harness love's power to work and return work to love.

### **Sources**

Excerpts from Scripture, Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Josef Pieper, John Paul II, and Pope Benedict XVI.

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