

VVM- Cyclical Lesson 12

Cultivate Good Relationships! “Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don’t see things the way you do. And don’t jump all over them every time they do or say something you don’t agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.” (Rom 14.1 MSG)

1. New Creation – (Eph 1:17-19)

- a. (KJV) that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power
- b. (TPT) I pray that the Father of glory, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, would impart to you the riches of the Spirit of wisdom and the Spirit of revelation to know him through your deepening intimacy with him. I pray that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination, flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of the hope of his calling—that is, the wealth of God’s glorious inheritances that he finds in us, his holy ones! I pray that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God’s power made available to you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you!
- c. (AMPC) [For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know *and* understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones), And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable *and* unlimited *and* surpassing greatness of His power in *and* for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength
- d. (MSG) I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!

Commented [BC1]: Readily locate INSIDE YOU the riches of glory that is yours by inheritance! You are a saint

Commented [BC2]: The EXACT same power used to raise Jesus from death, is located IN YOU. Tap into it!

Commented [BC3]: Where is the location of the glory inheritance? IN HIS PEOPLE. His glory must be revealed in us to others

Commented [BC4]: It takes FAITH to access His power. Faith people become an advertisement- A billboard of glory & power! How much power has been visible on you?

Commented [BC5]: Learn to thank God ahead of time for it...He wants to reveal the hidden and secret things to you. As you become intimate with Jesus, the deep mysteries of the kingdom open up to your insight

Commented [BC6]: Nothing is more important than intimacy with God. Stop everything else in life (if you must) to find Him!

Commented [BC7]: As you find Him, He begins to show you your destiny in life. You will see His exact plan for your life.

2. Soul Renewal /Discipline the Flesh-- (Rom 8:5-8)

- a. (KJV) For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.
- b. (TPT) Those who are motivated by the flesh only pursue what benefits themselves. But those who live by the impulses of the Holy Spirit are motivated to pursue spiritual realities. For the sense and reason of the flesh is death, but the mind-set controlled by the Spirit finds life and peace. In fact, the mind-set focused on the flesh fights God's plan and refuses to submit to his direction, because it cannot! For no matter how hard they try, God finds no pleasure with those who are controlled by the flesh
- c. (AMPC) For those who are according to the flesh *and* are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on *and* pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit *and* are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their minds on *and* seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit. Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever]. [That is] because the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is hostile to God, for it does not submit itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot. So then those who are living the life of the flesh [catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature] cannot please *or* satisfy God, *or* be acceptable to Him
- d. (MSG) Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them—living and breathing God! Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what he is doing. And God isn't pleased at being ignored.

Commented [BC8]: Does your carnal existence get most of your attention? TV? Earthly matters? Human interactions? Desires? This is thinking FLESHLY THOUGHTS

Commented [BC9]: Your mind must be SET on spiritual realities. Forced indoctrination. Brainwashing. YOU MUST DO IT

Commented [BC10]: You have an enemy within your earth suit. An imposter trying to steal your thoughts. Listen to it & follow it, and your not in a place of harmony

Commented [BC11]: People who are ruled by their desires are natural, earthly and devilish. Spirit led beings follow God only

Commented [BC12]: Humanity's natural tendency FIGHTS AGAINST God. Don't expect the imposter in you to raise the white flag of surrender. No, it must be crucified & buried.

Commented [BC13]: Flesh CANNOT submit...it must be killed

Commented [BC14]: Carnal Christians are selfish. Spirit led Christians pursue spiritual realities

Commented [BC15]: Stop beating yourself up! Don't look at your failings and imperfections. Focus on God's mercy toward you, and declare all out war on the old man

3. Love Character – (1John 5:1-3)

- a. (KJV) Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous
- b. (TPT) Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah is God's spiritual child and has been fathered by God himself. And everyone who loves Father God loves his children as well. This is how we can be sure that we love the children of God: by having a passionate love for God and by obedience to his commands. True love for God means obeying his commands, and his commands don't weigh us down as heavy burdens
- c. (AMPC) Everyone who believes (adheres to, trusts, and relies on the fact) that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah) is a born-again child of God; and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one born of Him (His offspring). By this we come to know (recognize and understand) that we love the children of God: when we love God and obey His commands (orders, charges)–[when we keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and His teaching]. For the [true] love of God is this: that we do His commands [keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and teaching]. And these orders of His are not irksome (burdensome, oppressive, or grievous).
- d. (MSG) Every person who believes that Jesus is, in fact, the Messiah, is God-born. If we love the One who conceives the child, we'll surely love the child who was conceived. The reality test on whether or not we love God's children is this: Do we love God? Do we keep his commands? The proof that we love God comes when we keep his commandments and they are not at all troublesome.

Commented [BC16]: Children of God are believers. Our heart's trust is proof that we are fathered by God

Commented [BC17]: Do you see yourself as a heavenly being? God born? Eternal realm creation? Born Again?

Commented [BC18]: If you really love God, then you will love His children in difficult circumstances

Commented [BC19]: Children of God prove their Love by obedience. Are you in obedience and being a good child?

Commented [BC20]: Loving is our delight. It should not be a duty! It is EASY to obey His command to Love.

Commented [BC21]: Take this test daily. Do you keep your mind full of His Word? How often do you read your bible?

Kingdom Stewardship

(Deut 8:18)

- a. (KJV) But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.
- b. (GNT) Remember that it is the LORD your God who gives you the power to become rich. He does this because he is still faithful today to the covenant that he made with your ancestors.
- c. (MSG) If you start thinking to yourselves, “I did all this. And all by myself. I’m rich. It’s all mine!”—well, think again. Remember that GOD, your God, gave you the strength to produce all this wealth so as to confirm the covenant that he promised to your ancestors—as it is today.

Commented [BC22]: The #1 rule of biblical finance & prosperity is that God gives you the ability to do all things...so that you will establish His Word about Jesus on earth

Commented [BC23]: God's power is limitless, and He has given it to you. THIS IS PROSPERITY

Commented [BC24]: If you will meet the conditions, then all the promises of the covenant are available. **The promise of material riches comes to those who promote the distribution of the Word of God into the nations of the earth**

Commented [BC25]: Can you say that your wealth is devoted to bringing about the Gospel into the earth? Or are you treating the wealth you have like it is yours?