

## VVM Life Group -Cyclical Lesson 1

**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 – (2 Cor 5:17)

- a. (KJV)Therefore, if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; Behold, all things are become new.
- b. (TPT)Now, if anyone is enfolded into Christ, he has become an entirely new person. **All that is related to the old order has vanished**. Behold, everything is fresh and new.
- c. (AMPC)Therefore, if any man is engrafted in Christ he is a new creation altogether, the old previous moral and spiritual condition has passed away. **Behold the fresh and new has come!**
- d. (MSG)Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; **a new life burgeons!**

**Commented [BC1]:** In union with Christ you (your Spirit) become **a new species of humanity!**

**Commented [BC2]:** New Man=ALL of your Spirit is in **perfect union with Jesus**

**Commented [BC3]:** When engrafted into Jesus our spirit comes alive, **the dead spirit nature is gone forever**

**Commented [BC4]:** IN CHRIST the new you is **not** a sinner, you are **not** barely getting by, you are **not** contaminated anymore

**Commented [BC5]:** Distinct & updated...improved & revived is **the new REAL you**. Once FILLED (the evidence is tongues) you are in need of nothing else in your spirit!

**Commented [BC6]:**  
**Your Soul (Mind/Will/Emotions/Thoughts/Decisions) is NOT saved like your spirit**

**Commented [BC7]:** A total reformation must occur in your SOUL...a process that takes **diligent effort by you**.

**Commented [BC8]:** **He will not do this step for you!**  
God's revealed words and thoughts are the Bible. Read his desires for you

**Commented [BC9]:** You must take responsibility to no longer let this planet influence your thoughts. **Stop imitating the ideals of this planet!** *You must choose to think like God does*

### 2. Soul Renewal/Discipline the Flesh – (Rom 12:2)

- a. (KJV)Be not conformed to this world: but be ye **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
- b. (TPT)Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through **a total reformation of how you think**. This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.
- c. (AMPC)Do not be conformed to this world or this age [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed and changed by the entire renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that **you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God**, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in his sight for you].
- d. (MSG)Don't become so well adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without **even thinking**. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

### 3. Love – (Matt 22:37-39)

- a. (KJV)Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
- b. (TPT)Love the Lord your God with every passion of your heart, with all the energy of your being, and with every thought that is within you. This is the great and supreme commandment. And the second is like it in importance: you must love your friend in the same way you love yourself.
- c. (AMPC)You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (intellect). This is the great (most important principle) and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself.
- d. (MSG)Jesus said, 'Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.' This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' These two commands are pegs: everything in God's law and the prophets hangs from them.

**Commented [BC10]:** Soul/Heart/Mind= *living life with God. It is possible to involve him in all you do in everyday life, with all your energy.*

**Commented [BC11]:** It is possible to love the Jesus in you and to hate the outer man of the flesh at the same time

**Commented [BC12]:** It is possible to love God with every thought you have

**Commented [BC13]:** Loving the fellow Christian= Love the Jesus in them the same way you love the Jesus in you

**Commented [BC14]:** What does God want from you?... for you to become passionate about Him, and Love people well.

**Commented [BC15]:** All of the Bible has one theme...Love!

## Kingdom Stewardship

(3 John 2)

(KJV) Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

(TPT) Beloved friend, I pray that you are prospering in every way and that you continually enjoy good health, just as your soul is prospering.

(MSG) We're the best of friends, and I pray for good fortune in everything you do, and for your good health—that your everyday affairs prosper, as well as your soul!

**Commented [BC16]:** Prosperity in every area of life is God's will for you... Health is God's will for you... your mind/will/emotions prospering is God's will for you

**Commented [BC17]:** God's influence on us is prosperity. anything that steals/kills/destroys is of the enemy (John 10:10)

**Commented [BC18]:** The process of prospering *begins with the mind thinking like God*. If your Soul is in line with God's revealed will everything else in your body, relationships and finances will begin to prosper.

**Commented [BC19]:** John could not have prayed accurately if God was not for you having exorbitance

**Commented [BC20]:** God wants you in: abundance, affluence, exorbitance, expansion, fortune, increase, opulence, plenteousness, riches, success, thriving, wealth, welfare, victory, well-being  
**Therefore, God hates:** lack, lessening, loss, poorness, poverty, restriction, shrinkage, disadvantage, stagnation