

VVM Life Group- Cyclical Lesson 2

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 3:16-17)

- a. (KJV) That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love
- b. (TPT) and I pray that he would unveil within you the unlimited riches of his glory and favor until supernatural strength flood your innermost being with his divine might and explosive power. Then by constantly using your faith, the life of Christ will be released deep inside you and the resting place of his love will become the very source and root of your life.
- c. (AMPC) May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened *and* reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality]. May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love *and* founded securely on love
- d. (MSG) I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you’ll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ’s love.

2. Soul Renewal /Discipline the Flesh– (Eph 4:22-24)

- a. (KJV) that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
- b. (TPT) And he has taught you to let go of the lifestyle of the ancient man, the old self-life, which was corrupted by sinful and deceitful desires that spring from delusions. Now it’s time to be made new by every revelation that’s been given to you. And to be transformed as you embrace the glorious Christ-within as your new life and live in union with him! For God has re-created you all over again in his perfect righteousness, and you now belong to him in the realm of true holiness.
- c. (AMPC) Strip yourselves of your former nature [put off and discard your old unrenewed self] which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts *and* desires that spring from delusion; And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude],

Commented [BC1]: Jesus moved into you, so be aware that you now have an “inner man” and an “outer man”.
Jesus’s spirit is now inside your human spirit

Commented [BC2]: God Himself is in you... The Holy Spirit has a new house in you, and He is never going to move out.

Commented [BC3]: God’s heavenly treasury is found within you... you will progressively see all what eternity has for you!

Commented [BC4]: From the first time you invite Him in He stays in your human spirit. From then on you will be searching for Him daily in your mind/thoughts.

Commented [BC5]: New transformation into a ‘Son of God’ in our spirit does NOT include the old man still resident in the soul/body

Commented [BC6]: God is in your spirit, now YOU must put Him in your soul (mind/will/emotions/thoughts/decisions)

Commented [BC7]: With the help of the Holy Spirit continual biblical revelation can fix the unrenewed mind.

Commented [BC8]: Actions are required by you...things God cannot/will not do. Embrace what’s been done, continually strip away what needs renewal=Be brainwashed by God!

And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness.

- d. (MSG) ...everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you.

3. Love Character – (1 John 4:7-8)

- a. (KJV) Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
- b. (TPT) Those who are loved by God, let his love continually pour from you to one another, because God is love. Everyone who loves is fathered by God and experiences an intimate knowledge of him. The one who doesn't love has yet to know God, for God is love.
- c. (AMPC) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is (springs) from God; and he who loves [his fellowmen] is begotten (born) of God and is coming [progressively] to know *and* understand God [to perceive and recognize and get a better and clearer knowledge of Him]. He who does not love has not become acquainted with God [does not and never did know Him], for God is love.
- d. (MSG) My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God *is* love—so you can't know him if you don't love.

Commented [BC9]: Constantly insert the Bible as your new method of thinking. You CAN think like God Himself!

Commented [BC10]: Love is proof of the new creation transformation

Commented [BC11]: Want to perceive what is God's will? Always ask "what is loving?"

Commented [BC12]: Filled with God=filled with Love. Expect God to flow out of you in a loving manner to others

Commented [BC13]: God is love's source. God is in you so release God onto others. The origination of Love is in you, so let it come out.

Commented [BC14]: We are fathered by love. The new creation is a love creation. God's children are love children.

Commented [BC15]: The first step in knowing God is knowing about love. All Jesus did was in Love. Christians are born anew in love.

Kingdom Stewardship

(Psalm 34:8-9)

(KJV) O taste and see that **the LORD is good**; **Blessed is the man *that* trusteth in him**. O fear the LORD, ye his saints: For *there is* no want to them that **fear him**.

(CEB) Taste and see how good the LORD is! The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy!

You who are the LORD's holy ones, **honor him**, because **those who honor him don't lack a thing**

(MSG) Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and **see how good GOD is**. Blessed are you who run to him. Worship GOD if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness.

Commented [BC16]: **God is good, the Devil is bad**. Don't mix it up, God only operates in light & love.

Commented [BC17]: **Good respect for Him results in finding THE BLESSING** that enriches your entire life

Commented [BC18]: The fear discussed here is NOT being afraid of God, but respecting Him.

Commented [BC19]: **If you honor God, He will honor you**. Honoring Him=Giving Him your entire life

Commented [BC20]: He promises that with complete surrender=**you will never lack!** God is against you coming up short in any area of life.

Commented [BC21]: **Jesus is an enemy to:** lack, wanting, shortage, deficiency, decrease and poverty.
God wants you to have: abundance, addition, advantage, affluence, enlargement, enough, excess, expansion, extra, plenty, plethora, success, and sufficiency.