

VVM Life Group- Cyclical Lesson 3

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 3:18-19)

- a. (KJV) May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.
- b. (TPT) Then you will be empowered to discover what every holy one experiences—the great magnitude of the astonishing love of Christ in all its dimensions. How deeply intimate and far reaching is his love! How enduring and inclusive it is! Endless love beyond measurement that transcends our understanding, this extravagant love pours into you until you are filled to overflowing with the fullness of God!
- c. (AMPC) That you may have the power *and* be strong to apprehend *and* grasp with all the saints [God’s devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it]; [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!
- d. (MSG) 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. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.

2. Soul Renewal /Discipline the Flesh– (Rom 12:1)

- a. (KJV) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.
- b. (TPT) Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God’s marvelous mercies? To surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship.
- c. (AMPC) I appeal to you therefore, brethren, *and* beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service *and* spiritual worship.
- d. (MSG) So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

Commented [BC1]: God moved into you, and He brought all He is and all He has with Him

Commented [BC2]: Once saved & filled you have ALL of Creator God NOW

Commented [BC3]: Once filled with the Holy Spirit & you have your heavenly prayer language, nothing else can be added to your spirit...you are FULL

Commented [BC4]: 100% of your spirit is filled “wall to wall” with God

Commented [BC5]: We need to see what is in us...and grow into understanding the fullness with our intellect

Commented [BC6]: The most genuine method of worship is your everyday life lived with God

Commented [BC7]: Can average daily life be spiritual? Yes! If we present it to God as an offering

Commented [BC8]: Jesus paid a price so that we have a new way/easy way/better way to honor God...He accepts a sacrifice that comes from the heart

Commented [BC9]: All parts of your body are His...all portions of your day’s circumstances are His...Nothing you do should be outside the category of worship!

Commented [BC10]: What do you do with a sacrifice? =Kill it, then present it...the way you recon your body.

3. Love Character – (1 John 4:9-11)

- a. (KJV) In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.
- b. (TPT) The light of God's love shined within us when he sent his matchless Son into the world so that we might live through him. This is love: He loved us *long before we loved him*. It was his love, not ours. He proved it by sending his Son to be the pleasing sacrificial offering to take away our sins. Delightfully loved ones, if he loved us with such tremendous love, then "loving one another" should be our way of life!
- c. (AMPC) In this the love of God was made manifest (displayed) where we are concerned: in that God sent His Son, the only begotten *or* unique [Son], into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation (the atoning sacrifice) for our sins. Beloved, if God loved us so [very much], we also ought to love one another.
- d. (MSG) This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God. My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other.

Commented [BC11]: The God type of love is sacrificial...it costs...it hurts...there is a price...it reaches outward.

Commented [BC12]: God did this for us, we now do it for others

Commented [BC13]: Godlike love gives with nothing expected in return. Love them before they love you...when they don't love you.

Commented [BC14]: Our love removes people's mistakes...who we lead into forgiveness will be forgiven

Commented [BC15]: We are called to "love-away" the damage in people's lives...this is the ministry of reconciliation.

Kingdom Stewardship

(Phil 4:19)

(KJV) But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

(TPT) I am convinced that my God will fully satisfy every need you have, *for I have seen* the abundant riches of glory *revealed to me* through Jesus Christ!

(MSG) You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus.

Commented [BC16]: Do you have needs? You can trust that God will completely fulfill ALL of them

Commented [BC17]: Every single need He wants to supply for you

Commented [BC18]: Jesus has paid the price for our needs to be met. He is rich and He wants you rich...in every way.

Commented [BC19]: No part of your being-spirit/mind/emotions/body/relationships/finances should be in lack when serving our good God

Commented [BC20]: Jesus' very essence is glory! Heaven is no place of shortage...and neither should be your life on earth.