

VVM Life Group- Cyclical Lesson 4

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 – (Gal 4:6-7)

- a. (KJV) And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.
- b. (TPT) And so that we would know that we are his true children, God released the Spirit of Sonship into our hearts—moving us to cry out intimately, “My Father! My true Father!” Now we’re no longer living like slaves under the law, but we enjoy being God’s very own sons and daughters! And because we’re his, we can access everything our Father has—for we are heirs because of what God has done!
- c. (AMPC) And because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the [Holy] Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba (Father)! Father! Therefore, you are no longer a slave (bond servant) but a son; and if a son, then [it follows that you are] an heir by the aid of God, *through Christ*.
- d. (MSG) Thus we have been set free to experience our rightful heritage. You can tell for sure that you are now fully adopted as his own children because God sent the Spirit of his Son into our lives crying out, “Papa! Father!” Doesn’t that privilege of intimate conversation with God make it plain that you are not a slave, but a child? And if you are a child, you’re also an heir, with complete access to the inheritance.

Commented [BC1]: Divinity cannot become ‘more divine’. Either you are a son of God, or you are not

Commented [BC2]: Once baptized in the Holy Ghost (evidenced by heavenly language) your spirit cannot grow...it is Jesus’s spirit.

Commented [BC3]: You inherited God into your spirit

Commented [BC4]: There are no ‘generational curses’ passed down from your earthly parents once you became a son of God

Commented [BC5]: You also have access to everything that the CREATOR has, because you are an heir.

Commented [BC6]: What Jesus inherited you inherited...and you can ‘demand’ all that is yours from God!

2. Soul Renewal /Discipline the Flesh– (Col 3:1-3)

- a. (KJV) If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
- b. (TPT) Christ’s resurrection is your resurrection too. This is why we are to yearn for all that is above, for that’s where Christ sits enthroned at the place of all power, honor, and authority! Yes, *feast on all the treasures of the heavenly realm* and fill your thoughts with heavenly realities, and not with the distractions of the natural realm. Your crucifixion with Christ has severed the tie to this life, and now your true life is hidden away in God in Christ.
- c. (AMPC) IF THEN you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at *and* seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. And set your minds *and* keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth. For [as far as this world is concerned] you have died, and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God.
- d. (MSG) So if you’re serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, *act* like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don’t shuffle

Commented [BC7]: You must set your mind, and keep it set on biblical truths

Commented [BC8]: You CHOOSE what you are affectionate about

Commented [BC9]: Jesus is now your real life, so see things from now on from His perspective. Think from a heavenly ‘higher viewpoint’ that clarifies, not on earthly things that distract

Commented [BC10]: Is your greatest affection the things of God?

along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from *his* perspective. Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your *real* life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. *He* is your life

3. Love Character – (1 John 4:12-13)

- a. (KJV) No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit
- b. (TPT) No one has ever gazed upon the fullness of God's splendor. But if we love one another, God makes his permanent home in us, and we make our permanent home in him, and his love is brought to its full expression in us. And he has given us his Spirit within us so that we can have the assurance that he lives in us and that we live in him.
- c. (AMPC) No man has at any time [yet] seen God. But if we love one another, God abides (lives and remains) in us and His love (that love which is essentially His) is brought to completion (to its full maturity, runs its full course, is perfected) in us! By this we come to know (perceive, recognize, and understand) that we abide (live and remain) in Him and He in us: because He has given (imparted) to us of His [Holy] Spirit.
- d. (MSG) No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us—perfect love! This is how we know we're living steadily and deeply in him, and he in us: He's given us life from his life, from his very own Spirit.

Commented [BC11]: Are you alert to spiritual things? Your old spirit man died with Jesus (His cross=your cross), and you were raised (His resurrection=your resurrection) into a new creation existence... the ties to that old life are completely cut

Commented [BC12]: Love in His people, proves He lives in His people=His perfect love

Commented [BC13]: Seeing Christian love=Seeing God's fullness

Commented [BC14]: No more love can be released from God...it is brought to completion in us. Love will not go any further...it has run its full course in us. This is called "seeing God".

Commented [BC15]: God is not found in a building, or just in heaven. Want to locate God? HE ABIDES IN US

Commented [BC16]: Love cannot get any more perfect than in God's people. His love is most mature in us. Permanently in us!

Kingdom Stewardship

(Ps 23:1)

(KJV) The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

(TPT) Yahweh is my best friend and my shepherd. I always have more than enough

(AMPC) THE LORD is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack.

(MSG) GOD, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.

Commented [BC17]: Is He your Lord? Do you call Him master & obey what He says?

Commented [BC18]: Do you follow Him as you would a shepherd? If so, then the rest of this bible promise is yours...if you do not obey Him as Lord/Shepherd *you do not qualify*

Commented [BC19]: Where Jesus the good shepherd guides you, He will provide for you and protect you.

Commented [BC20]: God hates His children being in lack

Commented [BC21]: There is no lack in heaven, so there should be no lack in your life on earth. That was how Jesus taught us to pray when He said, 'as in heaven, so on earth'.