

VVM Life Group- Cyclical Lesson 5

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 – (1 John 4:17)

- a. (KJV) Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.
- b. (TPT) By living in God, love has been brought to its full expression in us so that we may fearlessly face the day of judgment, because all that Jesus now is, so are we in this world.
- c. (AMPC) In this [union and communion with Him] love is brought to completion and attains perfection with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment [with assurance and boldness to face Him], because as He is, so are we in this world.
- d. (MSG) When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us. This way, love has the run of the house, becomes at home and mature in us, so that we’re free of worry on Judgment Day—our standing in the world is identical with Christ’s.

Commented [BC1]: ALL Jesus is= We are to this world!

Commented [BC2]: You always in God, God always in you=BOLDNESS

Commented [BC3]: YOU are the perfection of God’s love!

Commented [BC4]: God within=Permanent lifestyle of LOVE

Commented [BC5]: Do you see your self as an IDENTICAL TWIN to Jesus?

Commented [BC6]: The Bible is the true source of WISDOM

Commented [BC7]: God Himself is in every word of the Bible...read it!

Commented [BC8]: It is possible to be mature & perfect in God

Commented [BC9]: Put all of your SOUL on God

Commented [BC10]: Do you have absolute confidence in HIM?

2. Soul Renewal /Discipline the Flesh– (2 Tim 3:15-17)

- a. (KJV) and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
- b. (TPT) Remember what you were taught from your childhood from the Holy Scrolls which can impart to you wisdom to experience everlasting life through the faith of Jesus, the Anointed One! God has transmitted his very substance into every Scripture, for it is God-breathed. It will empower you by its instruction and correction, giving you the strength to take the right direction and lead you deeper into the path of godliness. Then you will be God’s servant, fully mature and perfectly prepared to fulfill any assignment God gives you.
- c. (AMPC) And how from your childhood you have had a knowledge of *and* been acquainted with the sacred Writings, which are able to instruct you *and* give you the understanding for salvation which comes through faith in Christ Jesus [through the leaning of the entire human personality on God in Christ Jesus in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness.]. Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof *and* conviction of sin, for correction of error *and* discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God’s will in thought, purpose, and action), So that the man of God may be complete *and* proficient, well fitted *and* thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- d. (MSG) There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

Commented [BC11]: Don't you want to be taught how to live like God?

3. Love Character – (1 John 4:16)

- a. (KJV) And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us, God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
- b. (TPT) We have come into an intimate experience with God's love, and we trust in the love he has for us.
- c. (AMPC) And we know (understand, recognize, are conscious of, by observation and by experience) and believe (adhere to and put faith in and rely on) the love God cherishes for us. God is love, and he who dwells and continues in love dwells and continues in God, and God dwells and continues in him.
- d. (MSG) Everyone who confesses that Jesus is God's Son participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God. We know it so well, we've embraced it heart and soul, this love that comes from God.

Commented [BC12]: We experienced Jesus' love, That's why we believe

Commented [BC13]: As long as you stay in Love, you are in God. Get out of Love=stepping out of God

Commented [BC14]: God's very nature is selfless love!

Commented [BC15]: No one in the world (those without Jesus) know the true definition of love

Kingdom Stewardship

(Prov 10:22)

- a. (KJV) The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, And he addeth no sorrow with it.
- b. (TPT) True enrichment comes from the blessing of the Lord, with rest and contentment in knowing that it all comes from him.
- c. (MSG) GOD's blessing makes life rich; nothing we do can improve on God.

Commented [BC16]: True riches cannot be found outside of THE BLESSING

Commented [BC17]: Money, Fame & Power without God always comes with sorrow

Commented [BC18]: True riches= ALL areas of life (spirit/mind/emotions/relationships/social status/finances/etc)

Commented [BC19]: Everything from God comes "by GRACE through FAITH"...no effort on our part makes a difference