

VVM Life Group- Cyclical Lesson 6

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 – (Rom 8:19)

- a. (KJV) For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.
- b. (TPT) The entire universe is standing on tiptoe, yearning to see the unveiling of God’s glorious sons and daughters!
- c. (AMPC) For [even the whole] creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God’s sons to be made known [waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship].
- d. (MSG) The created world itself can hardly wait for what’s coming next. Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in until both creation and all the creatures are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens.

Commented [BC1]: Intense anticipation! With an outstretched neck! (Even the angels are watching to see our potential)

Commented [BC2]: Anxiously anticipating what’s happening in US! Creation waiting for you to “arise & shine”

Commented [BC3]: Does your lifestyle show His glory? Are you doing the works of Jesus and greater?

Commented [BC4]: When are you going to show the world you are God’s son/daughter? God wants to “show off” with you!

2. Soul Renewal /Discipline the Flesh– (Col 3:9-10)

- a. (KJV) Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
- b. (TPT) Lay aside your old Adam-self with its masquerade and disguise. For you have acquired new creation life which is continually being renewed into the likeness of the One who created you; giving you the full revelation of God.
- c. (AMPC) Do not lie to one another, for you have stripped off the old (unregenerate) self with its evil practices, And have clothed yourselves with the new [spiritual self], which is [ever in the process of being] renewed and remolded into [fuller and more perfect knowledge upon] knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him Who created it.
- d. (MSG) Don’t lie to one another. You’re done with that old life. It’s like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you’ve stripped off and put in the fire. Now you’re dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete.

Commented [BC5]: Don’t live a lie! You are a NEW MAN! You are not a “sinner”, you are not just barely getting by

Commented [BC6]: You must do the renewing by Bible knowledge. This is not a step God can do for you

Commented [BC7]: The OUTER MAN is a deceptive show. It’s not the REAL YOU! Stop listening to it, and kill it

Commented [BC8]: Renewal is a life-long Journey. From glory to glory

3. Love Character – (1 John 4:18-19)

- a. (KJV) There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us.
- b. (TPT) Love never brings fear, for fear is always related to punishment. But love’s perfection drives the fear of punishment far from our hearts. Whoever walks constantly afraid of punishment has not reached love’s perfection. Our love for others is our grateful response to the love God first demonstrated to us.

Commented [BC9]: Love toward God and man: trusting, assurance, settled, certainty, acceptance, confidence & reliance

Commented [BC10]: Fear toward God and man: suspicious, disbelief, nervous, distrust, rejection, doubt & uncertainty

- c. (AMPC) There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors *and* expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love's complete perfection]. We love *Him*, because He first loved us
- d. (MSG) There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life—fear of death, fear of judgment—is one not yet fully formed in love. We, though, are going to love—love and be loved. First we were loved, now we love. He loved us first.

Commented [BC11]: Jesus command to "Fear not" makes worry a SIN! Stop saying "I'm afraid...I'm worried"

Commented [BC12]: Want to see a MATURE Christian? Find a Love filled person

Commented [BC13]: Love makes us perfect and complete (filled with God)

Commented [BC14]: Worried? Anxious? Dreadful? Get out! God is not there!

Commented [BC15]: If you struggle with worry, then remind yourself from scripture how much God loves you

Kingdom Stewardship

(Psalm 112:1-3)

- a. (KJV) Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, That delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: The generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: And his righteousness endureth for ever.
- b. (TPT) Shout in celebration of praise to the Lord! Everyone who loves the Lord and delights in him will cherish his words and be blessed beyond expectation. Their descendants will be prosperous and influential. Every generation of the righteous will experience his favor. Great blessing and wealth fills the house of the wise, for their integrity endures forever.
- c. (MSG) Hallelujah! Blessed man, blessed woman, who fear GOD, Who cherish and relish his commandments, Their children robust on the earth, And the homes of the upright—how blessed! Their houses brim with wealth And a generosity that never runs dry.

Commented [BC16]: Your worship will become WILD once you realize how good His Blessing is!

Commented [BC17]: This is a promise of a 1) House 2) Wealth 3) Riches
Would Jesus wear a Rolex?

Commented [BC18]: Requirement to qualify for the promise: Love Him, treat Him as Lord, delight in Him, cherish His words

Commented [BC19]: Your descendants (natural & spiritual) in prosperity and influence!

Commented [BC20]: Material blessing and wealth is included in what God wants in your house. He said homes FILLED with riches...stuffed in every corner & closet!

Commented [BC21]: He said (plural) houses! All brimming over and spilling out with extravagance

Commented [BC22]: The reason for God blessing your finances= generosity & hospitality