

VVM- Cyclical Lesson 13

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 2:4-7)

- a. (KJV) But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus
- b. (TPT) But God still loved us with such great love. He is so rich in compassion and mercy. Even when we were dead and doomed in our many sins, he united us into the very life of Christ and saved us by his wonderful grace! He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, and we ascended with him into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for we are now co-seated as one with Christ! Throughout the coming ages we will be the visible display of the infinite riches of his grace and kindness, which was showered upon us in Jesus Christ.
- c. (AMPC) But God—so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us, Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for] it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation). And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One). He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in [His] kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.
- d. (MSG) Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on his own, with no help from us! Then he picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah. Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus.

Commented [BC1]: The SAME way Jesus was given eternal life, so were you. From death into life!

Commented [BC2]: Where do KINGS sit? Wherever He is sitting in the PERFECT REALM you are next to Him on a THRONE

Commented [BC3]: Do you claim this? “I am co-seated as ONE with Christ from the authority of the eternal realm”

Commented [BC4]: Your union with Jesus provides the SAME resurrection virtue that brought Him out of the grave

Commented [BC5]: For the ages ahead NEW CREATION humanity will be on display with Jesus!

Commented [BC6]: This is your testimony of power. “God took a sin-filled worthless existence and made it alive & new!”

2. Soul Renewal /Discipline the Flesh– (Col 1:21)

- a. (KJV) And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled
- b. (TPT) Even though you were once distant from him, living in the shadows of your evil thoughts and actions, he reconnected you back to himself.
- c. (AMPC) And although you at one time were estranged *and* alienated from Him and were of hostile attitude of mind in your wicked activities
- d. (MSG) At one time you all had your backs turned to God, thinking rebellious thoughts of him, giving him trouble every chance you got. But now, by giving himself completely at the Cross, actually *dying* for you, Christ brought you over to God's side and put your lives together, whole and holy in his presence

Commented [BC7]: The SOUL of mankind is incapable of being in harmony with God, without the transforming power of His Words. This is internal WARFARE

Commented [BC8]: Reconnection to God is Jesus' mission!

Commented [BC9]: Getting out of the shadows and into HIS LIGHT is an everyday process. This is called revelation. Shut off the hostile voice of the earth-bound man

Commented [BC10]: Rebellious THOUGHTS are hostile warfare against God. The dark mind leads to evil decisions & actions

Commented [BC11]: This is Grace & Mercy. He did the dying, He found you, He reached out to you, He put you together. Your part in the deal is to believe and receive

3. Love Character – (John 17:5, 22-23)

- a. (KJV) And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
- b. (TPT) So my Father, restore me back to the glory that we shared together when we were face-to-face before the universe was created. For the very glory you have given to me I have given them so that they will be joined together as one and experience the same unity that we enjoy. You live fully in me and now I live fully in them so that they will experience perfect unity, and the world will be convinced that you have sent me, for they will see that you love each one of them with the same passionate love that you have for me.
- c. (AMPC) And now, Father, glorify Me along with Yourself *and* restore Me to such majesty *and* honor in Your presence as I had with You before the world existed. I have given to them the glory *and* honor which You have given Me, that they may be one [even] as We are one: I in them and You in Me, in order that they may become one *and* perfectly united, that the world may know *and*[definitely] recognize that You sent Me and that You have loved them [even] as You have loved Me.
- d. (MSG) And now, Father, glorify me with your very own splendor. The very splendor I had in your presence Before there was a world. The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind Just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, So they might be one heart and mind with us. Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me. The same glory you gave me, I gave them, So they'll be as unified and together as we are—I in them and you in me Then they'll be mature in this oneness, And give the godless world evidence That you've sent me and loved them In the same way you've loved me

Commented [BC12]: The glory Jesus experienced as CO-CREATOR of the universe is NOW OURS. Unity with the godhead

Commented [BC13]: The Father & Son's Unity, Oneness, Union, Totality belongs to His Children! His Love nature is ours

Commented [BC14]: We have sameness with God in perfect harmony

Commented [BC15]: Do you comprehend that the Father loves you the SAME way He loved Jesus?

Commented [BC16]: Jesus lived FULLY in the Father. Do you live FULLY in Jesus? He expects you to be the SAME as Him

Commented [BC17]: The world was convinced that Jesus was sent by God. Are they convinced you are sent by Jesus?

Commented [BC18]: The Father's glory=The Son's glory=Our glory!

The SAME : Prestige, splendor, fame, grandeur, brilliance, reputation, importance, distinction, honor, nobility, radiance, renown, eminence, greatness

Kingdom Stewardship

(2 Cor 9:6-9)

- a. (KJV) He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: His righteousness remaineth for ever.
- b. (TPT) Here's my point. A stingy sower will reap a meager harvest, but the one who sows from a generous spirit will reap an abundant harvest. Let giving flow from your heart, not from a sense of religious duty. Let it spring up freely from the joy of giving—all because God loves hilarious generosity! Yes, God is more than ready to overwhelm you with every form of grace, so that you will have more than enough of everything—every moment and in every way. He will make you overflow with abundance in every good thing you do. Just as the Scriptures say *about the one who trusts in him*: Because he has sown extravagantly and given to the poor, his kindness and generous deeds will never be forgotten.
- c. (MSG) Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving. God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. As one psalmist puts it, He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon. His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out.

Commented [BC19]: The LAW of the universe= What you put out is what comes back. What you are currently living in, is a directly a result of what you did yesterday

Commented [BC20]: The Father is a giver. Jesus gave everything. Are you one who is always mindful of GIVING?

Commented [BC21]: Heart motives of generosity and hospitality are NOT from coercion, obligation or a sense of duty

Commented [BC22]: God is only pleased with joyful giving. He loves merry hearts who show radical love with their wallet!

Commented [BC23]: The reason why people are not an extravagant givers is because they don't trust what God has said. Their stinginess is their ceiling of prosperity

Commented [BC24]: God never pushes you, Satan does. Avoid any guilt ridden, sob stories and pressure laden requests for you to give or contribute to a cause

Commented [BC25]: If you are not a RECKLESS GIVER it is an indication that you do not understand How God set up His system of finance and provision