



Encouragers of Young Women

Lesson 02

Lead by Love

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Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

The Mandate: Older women are to teach and encourage younger women . . . to love.

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Titus 2:3-4 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, SO THAT they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children.

“If we have to be taught how to love our husbands and children, the two most intimate relationships, then surely we have to be taught simply to love. That love must be TAUGHT is foreign to much of what we hear and see of love today. We must be taught what this love is and how we are to manifest it in our relationships and conduct.” Susan Hunt

1. The Source of Our Love

Galatians 5:22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love . . .*

Ephesians 5:1 *Be imitators of God, as beloved children; and **walk in love** just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us . . .*

Love will be manifested in our lives as we learn to walk in dependence upon Him in obedience to the Word. The love which enables us to minister to others is not something we must work up, but is the fruit of our own relationship to the Lord.

2. Lead by Love by Bearing One Another's Burdens

Galatians 6:2 *Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.*

Romans 13:10 . . . *therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.*

- Burdens can be born through a sympathetic, listening ear. "Sympathy is the rarest of all ministries, as it is also the sweetest. It makes no show in the world, but it leaves its mark."
- A trustworthy listener must have a trustworthy character. She is never given to gossip.

Proverbs 10:12 tells us that love covers all sins!

1 Peter 4:8-9 says we are to *keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.*

- Love must also "speak the truth in love." (Ephesians 4:15)

3. Lead by Love Through Considering One Another

Hebrews 10:24 *And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.*

We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Everything that can promote and provoke to love is to be studied and performed.

- Areas of relationship: husbands and children

Difficult situations and difficult people give us an opportunity to grow in Christ and to manifest God's glory.

- Love is not an option.

John 13:34-35 *A new **commandment** I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*



- Love is seeking the good and blessing of another through the act of denying self for the other's sake; born out of a motivation to glorify God.

“LORD, WHAT IS LOVE?
Love is that which inspired My life
and led Me to My Cross
and held Me on My Cross.
Love is that which will make it thy joy
to lay down thy life for thy brethren.
LORD, EVERMORE GIVE ME THIS LOVE.”
Amy Carmichael

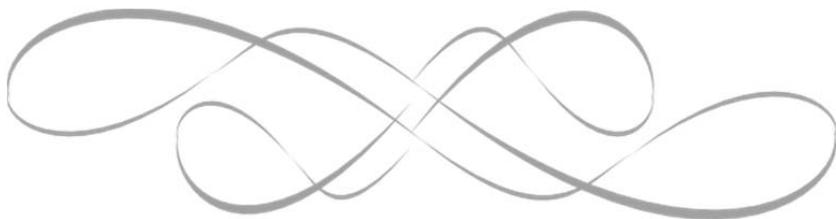
- We are to love in obedience to the Lord and in response to God's love for us. God does not command that we “feel” like loving, but that we think, speak and act in a loving manner.
- Practicing biblical love is teaching our children by precept and example what it means to die to self and serve the Lord Jesus Christ in obedience to His Word.

4. Lead by Love Through Hospitality

Hebrews 13:1-2 Let **love** of the brethren continue. This exhortation to love is **followed by**: *do not neglect to show **hospitality** to strangers. . . .*

1 Peter 4:8-9 **Above all**, keep fervent in your **love** for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. This is **followed by**: *Be **hospitable** to one another without complaint.*

There is a real connection between loving and being hospitable. Bringing a younger woman into your home, allowing her to experience the dynamics of your family and the atmosphere of your home is a teaching tool that can speak volumes without even a word.



5. Lead by Love Through Prayer

Philippians 1:9 The Apostle Paul, our pattern example, said to the **Philippians**: “I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus and this I **pray**, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment.” He told the **Colossians** that he was “praying always for [them] . . .” (Colossians 1:3) and that he had “not ceased to pray for [them] and to ask that [they] may be filled with the knowledge of His will . . .” (1:9)

As we build loving relationships with younger women and they open their heart to us, sharing their burdens, join with them in bringing these needs to the Throne of Grace.

6. *The Reward of Love*

Hebrews 6:10 *For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.*

Matthew 25:31, 34, 35, 40 *When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then shall He sit on His glorious throne³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right, "Come, you who are blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.³⁵ For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in . . ." ⁴⁰ The King will answer and say to them, "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me."*

The simplest acts of love done to the least important ones are done **unto the Lord Jesus Himself**.