



Lesson 5

Teaching and Encouraging

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A Holy Priesthood: Know God, Display Strength, and Take Action

You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:5

. . . the people who know their God will display strength and take action.

Daniel 11:32

*Speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine . . . **teaching** what is good, . . . **encourage** the young women.*

Titus 2:1-5

Spiritual mothering has more to do with demonstrating “the shape of godliness” than with teaching lesson plans.

~ Susan Hunt, *Spiritual Mothering*

Godliness is a vibrant, personal relationship with God that manifests itself in actions consistent with Who God is and with what He is doing in the earth.

~ Jim Berg, *Essential Virtues*

*. . . this mystery among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.***

Colossians 1:27

The single and solitary need—of the hour,
the day, the epoch—is vision: the vision to see,
the vision to do, and more, the vision to be.
~ Theodore Roosevelt

If ever the world sees a time
when Christian women shall come together
purely and simply to encourage and equip
other women to live for God's glory,
it will be a power such as the world has never seen.
~ Susan Hunt, *Spiritual Mothering*

The Vision

What is God's Vision

He sees what His grace can create us to be.

O Lord, You have searched me and known me . . .

And are intimately acquainted with all my ways . . .

Behold, O Lord, You know it all . . .

For You formed my inward parts;

You wove me in my mother's womb. . . .

My frame was not hidden from You,

when I was made in secret.

Psalm 139:1-15

What is God's Vision of Us

Living Stones

*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live,
but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh
I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up
for me.*

Galatians 2:20

The life that you have inside of you is the very life of Christ. It is a power that controls us, cannot be silenced, and it is always teaching us to deny ourselves. It is this life that God wants us to demonstrate to others.

Spiritual House

Do you not know that you are a temple of God

and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

Holiness befits Your house, O LORD.

Psalm 93:5

*Let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality
of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.*

1 Peter 3:4

Holy Priesthood

*He [Priest Levi] revered Me and stood in awe of My name.
True instruction was in his mouth
and unrighteousness was not found on his lips;
he walked with Me in peace and uprightness,
and he turned many back from iniquity.
For the lips of a priest should preserve knowledge,
and men should seek instruction from his mouth;
for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.
Malachi 2:5-7*

Encouragement For Priestly Service

- ◆ Chosen & Appointed - John 15:16
- ◆ Cleansed - Titus 2:14
- ◆ Consecrated - 1 Corinthians 6:20
- ◆ Prepared - Romans 5:3-5

What Is God's Vision For Our Children & Church

Hope

- ◆ Fixed on the living Lord (1 Timothy 4:10)
- ◆ Will never disappoint (Romans 5:5)
- ◆ Abound in hope (Romans 15:13)
- ◆ Rest securely (Job 11:18)
- ◆ Provide strength and courage (Psalm 31:24)
- ◆ Blessings received (Psalm 146:5)
- ◆ Filled with all joy and peace (Romans 15:13)
- ◆ Realize full assurance of hope (Hebrews 6:11)

What is the vision that God has put
in your heart for your children?
Is it according to the good, sound doctrine of God's Word?
Pursue it faithfully, because when God gives someone a vision
and the courage to pursue it,
He will ALWAYS bring it into reality.

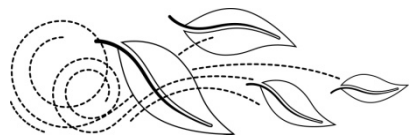
Consider the Consequences of Having No Vision

Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained.
Proverbs 29:18

Our children will be exposed to danger, shame, be unproductive, may despise and rebel against God, or be destroyed. More importantly, God Himself will be maligned.

Our priestly service of modeling godliness to younger women all boils down to displaying the love of God that was demonstrated to us when He died for us. Priestly service requires dying to self.

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us,
in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*
Romans 5:8



Encouragements

Know God

To know God is to believe Him and there is a blessing in believing.

*Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment
of what had been spoken to her by the Lord!*

Luke 1:45

Display Strength

Set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God.
1 Chronicles 22:19

*This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth,
but you shall meditate on it day and night,
so that you may be careful to do according
to all that is written in it;
for then you will make your way prosperous,
and then you will have success.*

Joshua 1:8

Take Action

Teach and encourage the next generation.

*I told them how the hand of my God
had been favorable to me
and also about the king's words
which he had spoken to me.
Then they said, "Let us arise and build."
So they put their hands to the good work.*

Nehemiah 2:18

When You Obey

*I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations;
Therefore the peoples will give You thanks forever and ever.*

Psalm 45:17

Sharing Testimonies

Pam Freeman—Encouraging
Susan Evans—Mentoring
Linda Pearson—Nurturing
Gail Yost—Strengthening

Excellence of Love

*If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels,
but do not have love,
I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
If I have the gift of prophecy,
and know all mysteries and all knowledge;
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.
And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor,
and if I surrender my body to be burned,
but do not have love, it profits me nothing.
Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous;
love does not brag and is not arrogant,
does not act unbecomingly;
it does not seek its own, is not provoked,
does not take into account a wrong suffered,
does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;
bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails;
but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away;
If there are tongues, they will cease;
if there is knowledge, it will be done away.
For we know in part and we prophesy in part;
but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.
When I was a child, I used to speak like a child,
think like a child, reason like a child;
when I became a man, I did away with childish things.
For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face;
now I know in part, but then I will know fully
just as I also have been fully known.
But now faith, hope, love, abide these three;
but the greatest of these is love.*

1 Corinthians 13

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