**Hello Valley Height’s Ladies!** Reviewing our Jan.14th Bible Study!

“Attitudes of a Transformed Heart”

Chapter 5--- “God’s High and Holy Standard”

This past holiday season our family was introduced to a brain-teasing game ‘for ages 7-107’ called Bananagrams(sold at most Target stores)! It’s similar to scrabble but uses no board. Each person handpicks a handful of face down tiles on the table from the 144 tiles representing the letters **A-Z**! Simultaneously, all the players have to create their own individual crossword, which they may constantly need to rearrange, or replace and renew with other tiles until there are no tiles left -- leading to victory!

This game requires strategy and a process of constant, intentional thinking within a limited amount of time. You must take your seat and “prepare your minds for action.” It creates an environment for the players to quickly set a goal for themselves, to use each letter wisely and make it useful to connect and intersect all other words (‘thoughts’) that you have placed before you!

As I studied through chapter 5, “God’s High and Holy Standard,” I wanted to intentionally think through a process in which I could internally hide in my heart these wonderful truths to not only bring them to my own remembrance but to be ready to bring others Biblical goals and hope to their own lives!

So, I spread out the chapter and the Bananogram tiles before me and after *MUCH* strategizing, rearranging, replacing and renewing thoughts and letters, and Martha’s points, I came up with the following:

 **‘Thirteen Biblical Ways to Glorify God’ from A to Z**

**A** *im* your life exclusively at God’s glory! Rom. 14:7-8, Phil.1:20-21, 1 Corin.10:31

**B**  *elieve* in Him for salvation and throughout your life! 1 Jn. 5:10-11, Rom. 4:20-21, Prov. 3:5

**B** *ear fruit* for Him! John 15:8, **Matthew 5:16 (our memory vs. for this chapter!)**

**C** *onfess* your sins sincerely! Matt. 5:4; 1 Jn. 1:9, Prov.28:13, Romans 7:15, 24-25

**C**  ultivate grateful *Contentment* wherever God has placed you! Phil. 4:11, 2 Corin.12:8-10

**D** *irect* all credit given to us on to God! 1 Corin.15:10, Rom.12:3, Psalm 115:1

**G**  *row* spiritually! 2Peter 1:5-11, 3:17-18, 2 Corin.3:18, 1Peter 2:2

**P**  *ray*! Matthew 6:7,8, Phil.1:9-11, John 14:13

**S**  *tand up* for God’s truth! Jude 3, Mark 8:38

**S**  uffer willingly for God! Phil. 1:29, 3:10, 1Peter 4:12-16

**W** *orship* the God of Glory! 2Chronicles 5:11-14, Psalm 86:9-13

**W** *itness* to the lost! Matt.28:19-20, 1Peter 3:14-15, 2Corin.5:20

**Z**  *eal* for His name! Intense love for God and anger at sin! Rev.2:2-3, John 2:14-17

Ladies, ***GLORIFYING GOD IS FOUNDATIONAL TO ALL OF LIFE***!! It has to penetrate every thought, every word, every deed, every attitude, every response, and every choice. *Our lives must be built upon it!* “God’s High and Holy Standard” is *TO GLORIFY HIM* with an absolute “**ATTITUDE OF DELIGHT**!” In everything I do, my attention and my focus MUST BE on God and to make MUCH of Him! We must, “set the Lord continually before us.” He “will make known to us the path of life,” because “in His presence ***IS*** fullness of ***JOY***!” (Ps. 16:5-11) Enjoyment, pleasure and satisfaction in Christ alone is God’s purpose for us!

Oh ladies, in the chapter Martha Peace says, “God’s glory should be our supreme *DELIGHT* and *IS* our highest good. It is something we SEEK and greatly desire!” This is where I formulated our attitude for this chapter, an “**ATTITUDE OF DE*LIGHT***!”

Matthew 5:16 says, “Let your ***LIGHT***  shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” We are to let our ‘light’ shine by pointing people to Christ: His importance, His influence, His teaching, His worth, His mighty deeds, His greatness, His saving truth and power embodied by His love AND by living a godly and holy life that “gives convincing testimony of the saving power of God. This brings Him GLORY!” (Pastor MacArthur)

Valley of Vision’s prayer “Man’s Great End” says, “There is **one** thing that deserves *my greatest care*, that calls forth *my ardent desires*, That is, that I may answer the great end for which I am made---**TO GLORIFY THEE** who hast given me being, and to do all the good I can for my fellow men…Most men seem to live for themselves, without much or any regard for thy glory, or for the good of others…for all our happiness consists in loving thee, and being holy as thou art holy…Help me to know continually that there can be no true happiness, no fulfilling of thy purpose for me, apart from a life lived in and for the SON of thy LOVE.”

Ladies, what are you seeking and greatly desiring today more than glorifying Him and making MUCH of Him? Are other things and other people or your circumstances clouding your ability to passionately pursue Him and be content in Him alone? Are you joyful or joyless? Who or what is your ‘saviour’ today? Run to God’s Word! Think about it! Write it down! Pray about it! Like Bananagrams, will you take some time to stop to rearrange your day? Will you sit down and use the Word of God wisely to connect and intersect God’s thoughts and begin to replace and renew all other thoughts (tiles) that are bombarding your minds? Will you begin to deliberately focus your attention on how you can truly glorify God by the power of His Spirit?

Ladies, when it comes to glorifying God, are you willing to live intentionally and purposefully? We’ll talk more about this tomorrow, Tuesday, January 28th at our home @ 9:30 am!!

Blessings, Christyn