



LESSON 3

Choral Reading (for Lesson 3)

From Ephesians 4, NIV

- High voices:** “As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.”
- Medium voices:** “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”
- Low voices:** “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”
- Unison:** “But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: ‘When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.’”
- Low voices:** “So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,”
- High voices:** “To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”
- Medium voices:** “Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.”
- Unison:** “Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

Choral Reading (for Lesson 5)

1 Corinthians 13, NIV

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| <p>Group 1: If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels,</p> | <p>Group 1: always hopes,</p> |
| <p>Group 2: but do not have love,</p> | <p>Group 2: always perseveres.</p> |
| <p>Group 3: I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.</p> | <p>Group 3: Love never fails.</p> |
| <p>Group 1: If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains,</p> | <p>Group 1: But where there are prophecies,</p> |
| <p>Group 2: but do not have love,</p> | <p>Group 2: they will cease;</p> |
| <p>Group 3: I am nothing.</p> | <p>Group 3: where there are tongues,</p> |
| <p>Group 1: If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,</p> | <p>Group 1: they will be stilled;</p> |
| <p>Group 2: but do not have love,</p> | <p>Group 2: where there is knowledge,</p> |
| <p>Group 3: I gain nothing.</p> | <p>Group 3: it will pass away.</p> |
| <p>Group 1: Love is patient,</p> | <p>Group 1: For we know in part and we prophesy in part,</p> |
| <p>Group 2: love is kind.</p> | <p>Group 2: but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.</p> |
| <p>Group 3: It does not envy,</p> | <p>Group 3: When I was a child,</p> |
| <p>Group 1: it does not boast,</p> | <p>Group 1: I talked like a child,</p> |
| <p>Group 2: it is not proud.</p> | <p>Group 2: I thought like a child,</p> |
| <p>Group 3: It does not dishonor others,</p> | <p>Group 3: I reasoned like a child.</p> |
| <p>Group 1: it is not self-seeking,</p> | <p>Group 1: When I became a man,</p> |
| <p>Group 2: it is not easily angered,</p> | <p>Group 2: I put the ways of childhood behind me.</p> |
| <p>Group 3: it keeps no record of wrongs.</p> | <p>Group 3: For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror;</p> |
| <p>Group 1: Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.</p> | <p>Group 1: Then we shall see face to face.</p> |
| <p>Group 2: It always protects,</p> | <p>Group 2: Now I know in part;</p> |
| <p>Group 3: always trusts,</p> | <p>Group 3: then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.</p> |
| | <p>All: And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.</p> |

LESSON 5

Love Survey (For Lesson 5)

For each characteristic of love, write the name of a person you know who has it, how he or she expresses it, and how it affects you.

Love characteristic	Who has it?	How he or she expresses it	How it affects me
<p>Love is patient. I don't have to have everything just the way I want it right now. I give people plenty of time to accomplish tasks or understand what I'm saying.</p>			
<p>Love is kind. I look for the best in other people and try to build them up rather than put them down.</p>			
<p>Love does not envy. I'm happy with who I am and what I have. I'm happy for someone else who has something I don't have, even if I'd like very much to have it.</p>			
<p>Love does not boast. I don't brag constantly about my accomplishments, abilities, or possessions, but I'm quick to congratulate others on their accomplishments.</p>			
<p>Love is not proud. I'm willing to be friends with all kinds of people. I'm not afraid to make the first move in a friendship. When I've hurt someone, I'm willing to admit I was wrong.</p>			
<p>Love is not rude. I treat others with the same respect I'd want.</p>			
<p>Love is not self-seeking. I don't always put myself first. I'm aware of and considerate of the needs of others.</p>			
<p>Love is not easily angered. It takes something really big to make me angry. I don't "fly off the handle" over little things.</p>			
<p>Love keeps no record of wrongs. I find it easy to forgive others. I look for the positive things that happen in my relationships rather than the negative.</p>			

Love characteristic	Who has it?	How he or she expresses it	How it affects me
<p>Love does not delight in evil. I don't enjoy doing things that are wrong. I feel bad when I see people doing things that hurt others.</p>			
<p>Love rejoices in the truth. When I see people treating one another with respect, kindness, and honesty, I feel great!</p>			
<p>Love always protects. I feel I should help and protect those who are weak.</p>			
<p>Love always hopes. Even when things aren't going well in my relationships, I work hard to help them get better.</p>			
<p>Love always perseveres. When things aren't going well in my relationships, I hang in there.</p>			

LESSON 10

Letter to Timothy (for “Experiencing the Story,” Lesson 10)

Dear Timothy:

You’re like a son to me in the faith we share. I hope that you are enjoying God’s grace, mercy, and peace.

Grace especially means a lot to me, Timothy. Even though I was once an awful, violent person who persecuted God’s people, He showed me mercy. He poured out His grace on me abundantly, and gave me faith, and love too, through Jesus!

You see, Timothy, Jesus came to the world to save sinners. And if He can save me, He can save anybody. I was the worst! You won’t believe what I used to do. I stood by cheering when Stephen was stoned. I hunted down Christians and put them in jail. Did I mention that I was violent? I had no sympathy; I was so sure that I was right and that I was doing God a favor. I was so ignorant.

But just for that reason God chose to show His mercy to me. He showed how patient and loving He is. Jesus reached out to me with His friendship and love. If He can make a friend out of me, He can make a friend out of anyone. God wants to be with me forever; that’s what grace does. He wants the same for you.

I just want to honor God with glory and praise forever.

I had to share this with you, Timothy. I want you to be as happy as I am with Jesus Christ as your best friend. He loves you even more than I do!

In His service,

Paul

What's the Chance?
(For "Applying the Lesson," Lesson 10)

Directions: What does it take to make friends? Number the following responses in order, with 6 being the one that you think is most important and 1 being the least important.

- _____ Shared experiences
- _____ Noticing each other
- _____ Long conversations
- _____ Common interests
- _____ Spending time together
- _____ Leaning on each other

God wants us to know Him personally. What are you doing to respond to God? Place a check mark (✓) by your answer(s).

- _____ Refusing to make eye contact
- _____ Looking the other way
- _____ Holding out your hand
- _____ Listening to Him
- _____ Other _____

What would you like to do differently? Write it below.

“Perseverance of Paul Certificate”
 (“Sharing the Lesson,” Lesson 11)

Perseverance of Paul Certificate

This is to certify that you,

rejoice when you run into problems and trials, for you know that they have been good for you, helping you to learn to be patient. This patience has developed strength of character in you and helped you trust God more each time you have used it until finally your hope and faith are strong and steady. You are able to hold your head high no matter what happens, and know that all is well, for you know how dearly God loves you, and feel this warm love everywhere within you because God has given you the

Holy Spirit to fill your heart with His love.

Signed _____

Date _____

“The Law of the Lord” (Psalm 19)
 (For Lesson 12, “Sharing the Lesson”)

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VERSE

D F#m7 Em A7sus A7 A

1. The law of the Lord is per-fect, re-fresh-ing my
 2. The standards of the Lord are right, be-stow-ing great
 3. May the words that I speak a-loud, and my mind's se-cret

G D F#m7 Em A7sus

soul. The word of the Lord is sure,
 joy. The com-mand of the Lord is pure,
 whis-per-ings, be ac-cord-ing to your will, O Lord,

CHORUS

A7 A G D D7

re-veal-ing His wis-dom.
 di-rect-ing my way. More to be de-
 my Rock and my Re-deem-er.

G A7 D F#m7

sired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;

Bmin7 G A7 D

Sweet-er al-so than hon-ey, and the hon-ey-comb.