

# *The Privilege*

## A study for Women in Leadership

### LESSON THREE

#### *A Devoted Life and Teachable Heart*

The next two chapters of our book will focus on two things that we all desperately need to cultivate in our lives and in our hearts. Our lives need to grow deep roots of **devotion**, and the soil of our heart needs those hard places to be broken up and turned over to stay soft and **teachable** in the Master Gardener's hands.

Before you begin your lesson, take a few minutes to pray and ask the Lord to open your eyes to all He wants you to see, and to open your ears to hear His voice.

1. With that attitude in mind, prayerfully read through the fifth chapter of "The Privilege." As you read, underline, take notes on a separate sheet of paper, or use a highlighter to mark the things that stand out to you. We'll look back at those things later in this lesson.

Chapter five starts out with a look at our choices and the impact one single choice can make on our lives. God **chose** to give us **free will** to make **choices** when He created us. He knew the impact that giving us free will to make those choices would have on His creation, yet He chose to do so in spite of that because anything less than that would be meaningless.

Stop and think about some of the choices you've made that have had a great impact on your life. Some of those choices have had a damaging impact; some have had a good impact. Regardless of how many bad decisions that have scarred your past, you made one perfect decision that changed the course of your life forever. You chose Christ as your Savior and you chose to put your trust in Him and your life in His hands. Our choices didn't end there, however. Every moment of the day we make choices. And all those choices have consequences, both great and small.

2. Some of the worse decisions we make are in the times when we turn our trust away from God and decide to take matters into our own hands. Prayerfully write out the familiar verses of Proverbs 3:5-6 below.

3. In the second paragraph on page 97, what did Satan do to Eve that he still does to each one of us today?

a. At the bottom of that same paragraph, complete the last sentence:

Even though God had **spoken clearly** to Eve, \_\_\_\_\_

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4. In the third paragraph on page 98, what does it say is the one antidote to Satan's lies?

5. From the definitions found on the second half of page 98, write down in your own words what it means to be devoted.

6. On page 99, Kay shares how to become devoted to God from Romans 12:1. Write out the verse below, and then share what that means to you in a **practical** sense.

7. Further down on page 99, we read that a shallow consecration will never stand; that those who make an emotional dedication will soon jump right off the altar when difficult trials come. Our author shares that the only consecration that will endure the hard times is a complete, absolute, unreserved, irretrievable offering of oneself. Look up the word CONSECRATE in the dictionary and record the definitions you find below.



- a. Record Kay's definition of what it means to "take up our cross" found in the bottom paragraph on page 109.

11. What is the second of the three principles that test our devotion, found on page 111? Write out the verse in John 15:13 below.

12. Kay shares many **practical ways** we have opportunity to lay down our lives for one another. One of those is in the form of prayer. What other aspect of laying down our lives for others does she share in the third paragraph on page 113?

- a. What other ways come to your mind? Share your thoughts.

13. In the second to the last paragraph on page 114, Kay asks a question we all need to ask ourselves, especially as women in leadership. Write the question down below.

- a. Can you answer yes to that question? If we're honest, we all have times we struggle with this. Ask the Lord to help you in those areas of struggle. Take a moment to lift your heart to Him in prayer, asking Him to mold and shape it into a **heart that is willing**.

14. The third principle of the devoted life is found in the second paragraph on page 115. What is it?

a. In the second to the last paragraph on that page Kay shares that the word “minister” means **to serve**. Share some practical ways we can serve others and what it means to “wash feet.”

15. What is your greatest take-away from chapter five of “The Privilege?”

16. Prayerfully read through chapter six of The Privilege. Highlight, underline or jot down the things that speak most to your heart as you read.

Kay starts off this chapter by sharing that too often we look into the **wrong mirror** to see who we are. One of those “wrong mirrors” we often find ourselves looking into is the one **other people** reflect to us. Another comes from the mirror we’re holding up for **ourselves**. The only genuine mirror, she states on page 119, is the mirror of **God’s eyes**. There are actually two aspects of that mirror which are important for us take note of; the reflection of **who we are**, in God’s eyes, and the reflection of **who we will be** and **are becoming**. God’s Word is like a mirror, revealing to us who we are in this flesh and our need for a Savior. And that same Word reveals to us the work of **sanctification** He is doing in our lives, who we are after being clothed in the righteousness of Christ, and how God sees His beloved bride.

17. Kay states on page 122, in the second to the last paragraph, that the only way to genuinely see your reflection is to look into the One true mirror and to bathe in His light. Write out 2 Corinthians 3:18 below.

a. On page 123, Kay shares that God's Word is a **trustworthy mirror**, faithfully showing us what we are now and what we are to become. What does James 1:23-25 tell us about the mirror of God's Word?

b. Look up Hebrews 12:2. Who does this verse state that Jesus is to us? How does this comfort your heart in times of discouragement?

18. What does Kay tell us about the transforming power of God's Word at the top of page 124?

19. God's Word reveals to us our weaknesses, as well as showing us how God is transforming us into His image. In the third paragraph on page 125, what exhortation is given to us in the last two sentences?

20. God desires for us to have a **teachable** heart. At the bottom of page 126, what are the requirements listed there of being teachable?

21. Read the second and third paragraphs on page 127 and take a moment to meditate on what is being shared. What is the Holy Spirit asking you to glean from these encouragements? Write down your thoughts below.

a. What is the purpose for God teaching you His Word, according to the last sentence in paragraph two?

22. On page 129, Kay shares that some of our flaws are like blemishes that appear on our face as the result of **improper cleansing**. What do we need to do in order to stay clean? Look up Psalm 139:23-24 and Ephesians 5:26. Share your thoughts.

23. Kay shares at the bottom of page 129, that one proof that we have a proper fear of the Lord is refraining from speaking evil things. Read Matthew 15:17-20. Where do the things come from that come out of our mouths?

a. Look up Psalm 51:10 and write out David's prayer to God below.

b. Look up Psalm 139:23 & 24 and write the verses down below. Then take a few moments to make these verses in Psalm 51:10 and 139:23-24 your prayer.

How important it is for us to have a devoted life and a teachable heart; to repent quickly when the Holy Spirit reveals to us those things that are displeasing to Him, that are defiling us and often defiling others.

24. Re-read the last paragraph of this chapter as a strong encouragement we all need to hold onto. Then share what your greatest take-away was from Chapter 6 in this lesson. Use a separate sheet of paper if needed.