

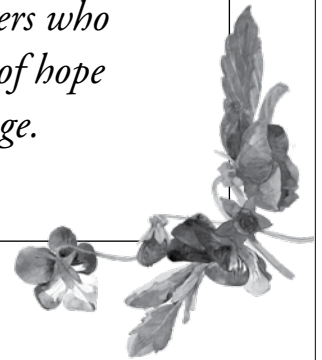
SPIRITUAL MOTHERING

On page 136, we read, “If the Holy Spirit is convicting you about your need to encourage others, spiritual mothering is a satisfying way to respond to that conviction.” As you read each encouragement principle, consider how spiritual mothering is an expression of this encouragement principle.



ENCOURAGEMENT PRINCIPLE #8

Through biblical encouragement we become spiritual mothers who leave a legacy of hope and courage.



1. God keeps His promises through other believers.

2. We can be God’s promise keepers by giving to others from the riches of our inheritance as children of the King.

3. Encouragement is contagious. _____

4. We revive village life when we make ourselves responsible for one another.

5. God’s Word is the directing force behind encouragement. _____

6. Biblical encouragement creates a community of love that causes others to glorify God.

7. Biblical encouragement produces confidence and results in increased ministry opportunities.

8. Through biblical encouragement we become spiritual mothers who leave a legacy of hope and courage.

9. Consistent fervent prayer is the greatest treasures of encouragement we have to offer.

10. Biblical encouragement is like “apples of gold in settings of silver.”

11. God gives treasures of comfort in the wilderness of suffering.

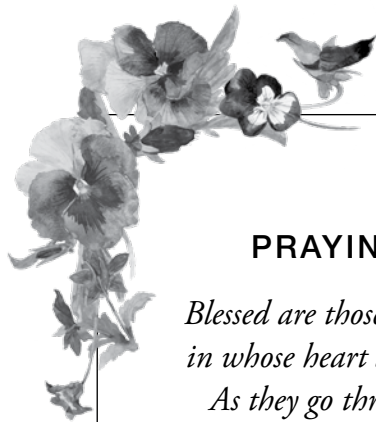
12. God transforms the encouragement of ordinary people into extraordinary ministry.

ASSIGNMENT FOR NEXT WEEK

- Watch Chapter 9 Encouragement Stories video at www.treasuresofencouragement.org
- Read Chapter 9 and complete Getting Focused and Staying Focused questions.
- Use the following to write a summary of this lesson:
 - Write a summary statement of Chapter 9.
 - List a few things from the chapter that were helpful to you.
 - How did this chapter change or inform your thinking about biblical encouragement?
 - Write a prayer based on some of the scriptures in this chapter.
 - How would you like for others to pray for you as you seek to apply the scriptures in this chapter to your life?
- Pray with your prayer partner, especially about encouraging an older or younger woman in your “village.”
- Complete your “Blues Busters” Assignment.
- Ask God to connect you with a younger or older woman.
- Personalize the Praying Scripture and continue journaling.
- Review your memory work and memorize Hebrews 10:24.
- Bring your Blessing Book to Bible study next week.

■ Bonus: Listen to the recommended Chapter 8 Help & Hope podcasts at www.treasuresofencouragement.org:

- *When Your Wife Dies — A Conversation with Jim Meyer*
- *Sexual Abuse and the Church — A Conversation with Ellen Dykas*



PRAYING SCRIPTURE

*Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.
They go from strength to strength;
each one appears before God in Zion.*

PSALM 84:5-7

