



A Grandma learns the “Truth”:

One of my sons had asked me to come and care for three of their four children one morning recently. When I arrived it seemed as if the children (6 month – 5 years) had been left alone. I asked the children where their dad was, and they said “He left for his meeting.” Needless to say, I was not happy that my son would leave my grandchildren alone, but it certainly seemed to be true. About 15 minutes later, Don came upstairs from his basement home office and we were both surprised to see each other. He had not heard me come in, and I was relieved to know he was still at home.

As I thought about that incident I realized that the children did not intentionally lie. They knew the plans for the day; mom was at a doctors appointment with their sister Lily, dad was going to a meeting and grandma was coming to care for them. Warren and Evelyn were so engrossed in their play when I arrived that they figured dad had left and now grandma was here. They did not investigate all the facts, and neither did I. I knew there was a possibility that Don was in his office, but I didn’t bother to check. I trusted two very sweet and loving, yet inexperienced and immature children to tell me the truth.

God’s Word gives us the tools we need, and His Spirit is available to give us the insight we need to discover truth for ourselves. We are exposed to ideas and philosophies daily which need to be measured by God’s standards. There are wonderful, well-meaning people who come into our lives with many thoughts and theories that may sound plausible, even reasonable, but they may not be based on God’s Truth. As women of God, we need to be so familiar with God’s Word that we are easily able to spot “un-truth”. I have recently realized that this is an area where I need to consistently ask God’s guidance. Over the next few months, I will be sharing what God is teaching me in my bi-monthly newsletter. I would enjoy hearing your thoughts on this matter.

2 Timothy 1:13-14

Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard, through the Holy Spirit who lives in us, that good thing entrusted to YOU. (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

Now for some updates on what is happening in *EMCWomen*:

Women’s Retreats for 2010:

EMCWomen took a break from having organized retreats during 2009. If you are interested in seeing a retreat sponsored by *EMCWomen* in your area we would like to hear from you. My vision is to offer low key spiritual retreats where women are able to have some good quiet-time with the Lord, and then some relaxed fun time with other women. If this interests you, please contact me by the end of May. I would like to have all of the locations identified by the end of June so that plans can be announced for early fall. Local groups will be able to include these retreats in their schedules for 2010.

Debt Free Living for Women – Listowel EMC, Listowel ON

Our second seminar in the series was another wonderful time of learning and fellowship. When asked “What was the best thing about this event?” one woman pointed out that there

was “**great discussion and encouragement.**” Another woman said it was “**practical and ideas were related to scripture.**” Thank you to the Listowel team who provided a wonderful venue, great snacks and delicious lunch.

The seminar in Winnipeg, MB will be on April 25, and in Chestermere, AB on May 2. We will report on those next time.

It is not too late to make arrangements to bring this important seminar to the women in your area. Please contact me to discuss the possibilities.

EMCWomen Mission Trip 2010

We are thankful to be able to announce that *EMCWomen* will be traveling to Romania in the fall of 2010. The dates will be finalized in the next several months. This will be a ministry/teaching team. Look for details to come, and contact me at emcwomen@emcc.ca if you or someone you know would like to be kept up-to-date.

Ministry Development

EMCWomen continues to offer help to groups re-evaluating ministry, opportunity, vision and goals. Everyone needs to step back once in a while to make sure their focus is fixed on what is important. We need to do the same thing as a ministry to women. If you would like to discuss how our program could help you through this process, be sure to contact me. I would love to discuss this with you.

May God continue to bless your ministry,

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