Cultivating a GC Marked by Genuine Love

GC Leader's Wives Training | October 2026

The Beauty of Ordinary Faithfulness

Devotional

Introduction

Romans 12:9–13

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

I. Genuine Love Is the Foundation of Christian Community (v. 9–10)

1. Christian love must be sincere/genuine.

2. Christian love is familial.

3. Christian love honors others.

II. Genuine Love Perseveres in Faithful Service (v. 11–12)

1. Christian love requires diligence.

2. Christian love perseveres through difficulty.

3. Christian love is sustained through prayer.

III. Genuine Love Expresses Itself in Practical Service (v. 13)

1. Love pays attention to people's needs.

2. Love pursues hospitality.

3. Love is expressed through ordinary faithfulness.

Helping Cultivate a GC Marked by Genuine Love

Teaching

I. Strengthen Your Husband

1. Encourage him in his leadership.

2. Pray with him and for him.

3. Be a trusted source of wisdom and encouragement.

4. Protect the health of your marriage and family.

II. Pursue the Women in Your GC

1. Intentionally build relationships with the women.

2. Move conversations toward encouragement.

3. Model humility and vulnerability.

III. Cultivate the Community

1. Help cultivate a culture of hospitality.

2. Help cultivate a culture of mutual care.

3. Help cultivate a culture of unity.

- Practical considerations:

    1. Guard your speech.

    2. Encourage being direct.

    3. Protect confidentiality.

    4. Model humility.

4. Help cultivate a culture of shared ministry.

Case Studies

Case Study 1: The Disconnected Woman

Questions:

- How could you intentionally pursue her?
- How might you encourage others to include her?
- What would meaningful care look like over the next month?

Case Study 2: The Discouraged Husband

Questions:

- How would you encourage him?
- What feedback might be helpful?
- How could you pray for him?

Case Study 3: The Overwhelmed Wife

Questions:

- How should you communicate with your husband?
- What expectations might need to change?
- How could you involve other members in sharing responsibilities?

Conclusion

Responsibility	Personal Commitment
Strengthen Your Husband	One specific way I can encourage or support my husband in his leadership.
Pursue the Women	One woman in my GC whom I can intentionally pursue and encourage.
Cultivate the Community	One practical way I can help our GC grow in genuine Christian fellowship.