

*How to Be A  
CREATIVE  
Women's Ministry  
Leader*



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### **About Diana Jaworski**



Dear Sister in Christ;

Through much prayer and guidance by the Holy Spirit, it is with great pleasure that I present this simple training manual with quick steps for becoming a creative women's ministry leader. Ever since I read the following quote by Ellen G White, I felt impressed to do my part and create a training to help women rise from their discouragement and motivate them to work for the Lord:

*“If we can arrange to have regular, organized companies instructed intelligently in regard to the part they should act as servants of the Master, our churches will have a life and vitality that they have long needed. I have so longed for women who could be educated to help our sisters rise from their discouragement and feel that they could do a work for the Lord. This is bringing rays of sunshine into their own lives, which are reflected into the hearts of others. God will bless you and all who unite with you in this grand work.” – WM 144 (1899), EG White*

The goal for this training manual is to instill the realization that you are a creative woman, that you are the daughter of a creative God. Therefore, you have the capacity to use your God-given gifts and talents creatively as you lead out in women's ministries. This training manual is designed to give you a jump start on how to be a creative women's ministries leader. I trust that after you have completed this training, the Holy Spirit will continue to guide you as you creatively spread the Good News of salvation with others.

The foundation of this training manual is based upon Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. The life of Jesus Christ is our greatest example of creative leadership.

I believe it is time for us to rise and fulfill our God-given purpose to use our gifts and talents for the advancement of His coming in creative ways. We have no time to waste. I desire to do my part so the following can be fulfilled: *“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”* (Matthew 24:14) Are you ready to do yours?

Hugs and Blessings!

**Diana Jaworski**, Founder of The Creative Box Ministries



## ***How To Be A CREATIVE Women's Ministry Leader***

*It is by studying the Life of Christ and following His examples that you will be able to be a Creative Women's Ministry Leader.*

### **You Are a Creative Woman**

#### **❖ Creativity**

What is the definition of *creative*:

***Creative is being resourceful and imaginative in using the best of the goods we have available as well as with the gifts and talents we have been given to serve the Lord.***

If I were to ask, "Do you believe you are a creative woman?", what would your answer be? Circle one: Yes or No

Why did you circle that answer?

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It has been said that creativity is God's gift to us. Utilizing our creativity is our gift to God. We are created in the image of God. We honor Him when we use our creativity to bless others through our God-given gifts and talents.

❖ **God’s Creation**

God is a creative God. He not only invented creativity but it is a part of who He is, His Character. The first verse in the Bible, God is creating - “*In the beginning God created ...*” (Genesis 1:1).

Reflect upon God’s creation. Ponder upon His creativity. List examples for each of the following:

- Colors (Example; yellow, red, blue, etc.)

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- Textures

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- Shapes and Forms

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- Movements

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- Sounds

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- Seasons

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## ❖ **God's Plan**

God's original purpose for humanity was to fill the whole earth with His Glory by reflecting His character. (Read: Genesis 1:26-28)

This purpose was disrupted when sin entered the world and distorted God's image. (Read: Genesis 1 – 3; Romans 5:12; Romans 3:23; Jeremiah 17:9; 1 Corinthians 2:14)

God's remedy for sin was to send His Son, Jesus, who offered salvation, revealed His Father's character, and restored humanity back to God's image. (Read: Matthew 1:21- 23; Roman 6:23; 2 Peter 1:4; Psalm 72:19; John 3:16)

Jesus left us examples of how we can be restored to God's image. (Read: Matthew 1 - 28; Mark 1 - 16; Luke 1 - 24; John 1 - 21; Hebrews 1:1-3; Ephesians 2:8-10)

## ❖ **Satan, The Father of Lies**

Today, the enemy, Satan, continues his efforts in distorting God's image. He wants to fill your mind with doubts and fears. The following are a few of the lies Satan whispers:

- You are not creative.
- Creativity only belongs to a chosen few.
- You are not gifted and talented.
- You are not able to live towards your potential.

Make a firm decision to banish all doubts and fears. Accept the fact that Jesus came to earth to save you from these lies. You can look to the cross and know that you no longer have to be bound by sin. You are free to be a creative woman. (Read: John 8:44; Genesis 1, 2 and 3; Matthew 13:15; John 8:36; Romans 8:1-2; Romans 6:18; John 8:32; Galatians 5:1)

## ❖ Jesus and Creativity

By studying the life of Jesus, we learn how He modelled creativity, and thus we can follow His example as a creative leader and teacher. The following are a few key truths:

- He taught valuable lessons using parables.
- He spoke from unconventional places such as boats, hillsides, and beaches.
- He used common items of His day as visuals to illustrate spiritual lessons such as a coin, bread, vine, fig tree, flowers, birds, etc.
- His teachings were never boring. He captivated His audience with questions that motivated deep heart convictions.

God has given us the power of the Holy Spirit to help us be creative. Remember, God alone is able to create something out of nothing, however, we can be creative with what He has created. What better source to ask for help than the Creator God? God will fill you with inspiration, wisdom, and guidance. (Read: John 14:12-14; Philippians 4:13)

*Today you can begin to live a Spirit-filled life ready to do the works as Jesus' did by faith as you claim His promises.*

## ❖ Discover and Develop Your Gifts and Talents

As you discover and develop your God-given gifts and talents, God will guide you in expressions of creativity. Your unique personality and contributions are needed in this world. Today, express your love and adoration for His creativity. I encourage you to contact your church Pastor, local conference, union or division to obtain information on how you can discover your Spiritual Gifts and talents.

***Heaven's resources are limitless and are available to all those who ask by faith.***

When we begin tapping into our God-given creativity, trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit, we will give life and vitality in all that we do. Our churches will then be an encouragement oasis to all who fellowship. Our messages will be filled with creativity and power that will attract those who are perishing.



# Follow Jesus' C.R.E.A.T.I.V.E. Example

The following are a few key truths about Jesus. We can ask the Holy Spirit to equip us with these truths so we can effectively serve as a Creative Women's Ministry Leader:

## C – Courage

Courage realizes that God gives us the strength to face any obstacle or situation no matter how trying or difficult. It is the ability to act or react positively, knowing that God is in full control. (Read: Deuteronomy 31:6; Isaiah 54:17; 1 John 4:4) It does not matter your past situation. What matters is your daily walk with Jesus. He will fill you with courage to do His biddings and reflect His glory. (Read: Acts 4:13; 2 Corinthians 3:18)

God will reveal His creative purpose for your life and you will go out with power and courage to carry out His will. (Read: Jeremiah 29:11)

List ways Jesus' demonstrated courage when confronted with a difficult situation?

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How can you demonstrate courage when faced with a difficult situation?

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## **R – Responsibility**

Responsibility is knowing and doing what God requires. What does He require? Read Micah 6:8. He also requires that you continuously obtain a deeper understanding of your responsibilities towards Him and others. It is imperative that you pray without ceasing and study the Word of God daily. (Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Psalm 119:105)

If Jesus were not responsible with fulfilling His Father's will while He walked on earth, what do you think would have been the results?

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As a women's ministry leader, what areas in your life do you believe you need to be more responsible? (Example; time management, completing tasks, commitments, etc.) What are the consequences of not being responsible in these areas? What Bible promise(s) can you claim to receive strength and guidance in these areas?

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## **E – Encouragement**

Encouragement is defined as giving support, hope, comfort, and assistance to others in difficulties. Jesus was able to creatively encourage others as He received encouragement from His Father. He spent time communing alone with His Father and then He was able to serve the multitude. You will not be able to encourage others if you are not receiving encouragement from God through prayer and Bible

study. (Read: Psalm 119:28; Exodus 15:2; Matthew 3:17; John 14:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:11–14)

List ways Jesus creatively encouraged others:

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In following Jesus' example, how are you able to creatively encourage those around you?

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### **A – Availability**

Availability is the willingness to be willing. It is being accessible to serve God and others. You may have to adjust your schedules and plans for God's divine appointments. Personal priorities will be secondary to God's commission. (Ask God for wisdom and guidance on finding balance between ministry and rest.) (Read: Mark 1:17–18; Acts 8:26-39, 16:10)

Write one encounter Jesus had in the Bible that had positive results because of His availability. (For example, the Samaritan woman, John 4:3-42)

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What ways have you allowed for God's divine appointments? What were the results?

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### **T – Teach**

Teaching God's Word in creative ways helps others gain spiritual insight. (Read: Matthew 7:28; Matthew 28:19–20; John 7:16; Mark 4:2; 2 John 1:9)

Write one lesson Jesus creatively taught His disciples:

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From the above, how can you creatively teach this lesson to those around you?

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### **I – Initiative**

Initiative is a willingness to take on a leadership role. It is the ability to recognize needs and do what you are able, with God's guidance and strength, to supply those needs without being asked. Delegation may be necessary to inspire positive outcomes. (Read: Proverbs 22:29; Philippians 3:14, 4:13–15; John 6:38)

Jesus said in John 6:38, *“I can do nothing on My own initiative.”* Although this statement was made in regards to Jesus’ equality with His Father, it is clear that He cooperated with His Father in all that He did (followed God’s will). When you have been inspired to take the initiative in any task, how can you be sure it is God’s will?

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What Bible verses can you study to help you know if you are following God’s will?

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## **V – Vision**

Vision is to imagine and create realistic goals that will align us with the Word of God. It is the ability to imagine the impossible and trusting in God for the reality. (Read: Philippians 3:14; Proverbs 29:18; Colossians 3:17; Jeremiah 32:27; Mark 10:27; Mark 9:23)

One of Jesus’ vision for us today is to bear much fruit (Read: John 15:8). How is this vision possible?

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Write one inspired vision you have as a Creative Women's Ministry Leader. How can you make this vision a reality?

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### **E – Enthusiasm**

Enthusiasm will enable you to be joyful in trying times so you can continue serving God and others. The Lord will fill your heart and mind with zeal and joy as you do His will. When you are enthusiastic about your leadership, others will be influenced. (Read: Nehemiah 8:10; Romans 12:11; Philippians 4:4; Ephesians 6:7)

Write a situation when Jesus remained optimistic while experiencing a trying situation.

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How does the Bible verse found in Ephesians 6:7 inspire you with enthusiasm?

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*It is my prayer that these eight key truths will help you become a Creative Women's Ministry Leader.*

## Ways To Develop Your Creativity

It should become a daily practice to develop your creativity. Here's how:

- **C** = Challenge yourself to get out of your comfort zone. Believe that God will inspire you creatively as you step out in faith.
- **R** = Research. Attend workshops, seminars, conventions, college/university. Read books. Choose to invest time to learn ways to be creative as you develop your God-given gifts and talents.
- **E** = Experiment after brainstorming. Do things differently, in a new way, from a different perspective. You will learn valuable lessons to share with others.
- **A** = Ask questions: “*What if*”, “*What else*”, “*Why not*”. Be curious and inquire.
- **T** = Trust in Your Creator. He desires you to reflect His glory. Believe you will be creative in all that you do. Establish a deeper relationship with Him through prayer and Bible study. He will show you great and mighty things above all you could ever imagine.
- **I** = Imagination. As your mind is renewed daily by the Holy Spirit, God will fill you with creative thoughts. Creativity will continuously flow like a well-watered garden. (Carry a note pad to write ideas as they come to mind.) As you use your imagination, you will tap into a wealth of resources provided by God, the Creator.
- **V** = Variety. Observe creation and you will notice that God created variety on every level. Your life should not be a routine. Employ different means in all that you do by using the resources you have at your disposal.
- **E** = Enjoy the creative process! Allow God to develop your creativity, be patient and rejoice in the creative process.





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- Encourages you in your walk with God and ministry.
- Assists in the development of talents/spiritual gifts.
- Provides creative ideas for your next presentation.
- Shares resources and ideas for the development and success of your ministry.
- Motivates you to live to your full potential.

Diana was born on the island of Puerto Rico and is fluent in Spanish and English. At the age of seven her family relocated to upstate New York where she has resided for the past 35 years. She lives with her husband, Peter, who is an avid supporter of her ministry. They have two daughters, Yareliz, and Yamaris, who both attend college.

Diana is a fourth generation Adventist who, by God's grace, has learned to creatively use her gifts and talents to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and encourages others to do the same.

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