

*How to Have A
CREATIVE
Women's Ministry*



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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 on how to have a creative women's ministry. 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 is to give you a jump start on how to use creativity in women's ministries. I pray that after you are done with this training, the Holy Spirit will continue to guide you on how you can creatively spread the Good News of salvation with others.

The foundation of this training is based upon Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, following His example as the authority of how to use creativity in ministry.

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!

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How To Have a Creative Women’s Ministry

It is by studying the Life of Jesus and following His examples that you will be able to have a CREATIVE Women’s Ministry

Jesus used creativity to demonstrate how to have a relationship with:

- God (UpReach)
- Other Believers (InReach)
- Others (non-Believers) (OutReach)

UpReach: Relationship With God

A creative women’s ministry leader has an abiding relationship with the Creator, our Lord and Savior. It is imperative to know Him as your motivator and sustainer. This principal is clearly illustrated in the story of the Vine and the Branches. (Read: John 15:1-17)

❖ Know Who God Is

Read the following names of God. How do they relate to you personally as you reflect on your relationship with God?

Adonai (The Lord; My Great Lord) (Psalm 8; Isaiah 40:3-5; Ezekiel 16:8; Habakkuk 3:19)

El (The Strong One) (Exodus 15:2; Numbers 23:22; Deuteronomy 7:9; Mark 15:34)

El Elyon (The God Most High) (Genesis 14:17-22; Psalm 78:35; Daniel 4:34; Acts 16:17)

Elohim (The All-Powerful One; Creator) (Genesis 1:1-3; Deuteronomy 10:17; Psalm 68; Mark 13:19)

El Olam (The Eternal God; The Everlasting God) (Genesis 21:33; Psalm 90:1-2; Isaiah 40:28; Romans 1:20)

El Roi (The God Who Sees Me) Genesis 16:11-14; Psalm 139: 7-12)

El Shaddai (The All Sufficient One; The God of the Mountains; God Almighty)
(Genesis 17:1-3, 35:11, 48:3, 49:25; Psalm 90:2)

Immanuel (God with Us; I AM) (Isaiah 7:14, 8:8-10; Matthew 1:23)

Jehovah (I AM; The One Who Is; The Self-Existent One) (Exodus 3:14, 6:2-4, 34:5-7; Psalm 102)

Jehovah-Jireh (The Lord Will Provide) (Genesis 22:13-14; Psalm 23; Mark 10:45; Romans 8:2)

*By beholding the glory (character) and beauty of God and His Son, Jesus, you will
become changed into the same image.*

❖ **How did Jesus use creativity in UpReach? The following are a few examples:**

- **Elohim** (The All-Powerful One; Creator): Jesus pointed others to look at the birds of the air and how their Creator provided. He will do the same for us. (Read: Matthew 6:26)
- **Jehovah-Jireh** (The Lord Will Provide): As God clothes the lilies of the fields, He will provide for our needs as well. (Read: Matthew 6:28-34)
- **Immanuel** (God with Us; I AM): God sent His Son, Jesus, to purchase humanity as illustrated with the parable of the pearl. (Read: Matthew 13:45-46)
- **El Roi** (The God Who Sees Me): Nothing escapes God's notice. He knows every detail of our life. Yet, He still searches for us when we have lost our way as portrayed in the parable of the lost sheep. (Read: Matthew 18:12-14)

InReach: Relationship With Other Believers

As believers, we need each other to spread the gospel of Christ together. We need to:

- Encourage one another (Read: Hebrews 3:13)
- Pray for one another (Read: James 5:16)
- Build up each other's faith (Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Teach one another (Read: 1 Timothy 4:11)
- Nurture one another (Read: 1 Corinthians 12:25)
- Forgive one another (Read: Colossians 3:13)
- Love one another (Read: 1 Thessalonians 3:12)
- Demonstrate the Fruit of Spirit with one another (Read: Galatians 5:22-23)

When we draw closer to God, we draw closer to one another. Christian maturity will develop as we fellowship with fellow believers.

❖ **How did Jesus use creativity in InReach (among His disciples)?**

“Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.” (Matthew 5:1-2)

Read Chapter 5, 6, and 7 of Matthew. List ways Jesus creatively taught how to treat one another.

OutReach: Relationship With Others

There are many in this world who have not yet heard about the love of Jesus and His soon return. It is our privilege, duty, and daily mission to tell the world about a seeking Savior.

Jesus left us examples to follow. He first supplied their needs and then said, *“Follow Me.”*

What are the needs of others? A traditional list of immediate "basic needs" are food, water, shelter, and clothing. These needs are clearly indicated in Matthew 25:35-45. Other needs may include sanitation, finance, education, and healthcare, etc.

❖ **How did Jesus use creativity in OutReach? The following are a few examples:**

- Gave living water to those who thirsted (Read: John 4:1-26).
- Gave bread from heaven to those who hungered (Read: John 6:22-40)
- Gave light to those in darkness (Read: John 12:42-50)
- Was the way, the truth and the life to those who longed for it (Read: John 14:1-6)



How To Develop Creative Ideas for Women's Ministry

❖ 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 are 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.

❖ Jesus and Creativity

As we study 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)

❖ How To Develop Creative Ideas for UpReach, InReach, and OutReach

Step 1:

List examples for the following:

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

- Textures

- Shapes and Forms

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- Movements
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- Sounds
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- Seasons
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- Nature (Animals, plants, etc.)
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Step 2:

Write positive and negative attributes for each of your examples above. What spiritual applications can you create from your list above? What Bible verses can you find to support your lesson?

Step 3:

By following Jesus' creative examples (see "Jesus and Creativity"), prayerfully answer the following questions:

- Where will I carry out UpReach, InReach, and OutReach? (Unconventional places such as a park, beach, lake, hillside, restaurant, community room, etc.)

- In what way(s) will I carry out UpReach, InReach, and OutReach? (Seminars, workshops, Bible Studies, retreats, public events, etc.)
- How will I carry out UpReach, InReach, and OutReach? (Use common items at your disposal to fulfill a need, teach a lesson, etc.)

Step 4:

Combine ideas from Step 1, 2, and adjust with Step 3.

Answer the following questions to continue the creative process:

1. What is your target audience?
2. The purpose of your activity/presentation.
3. List your key points (lessons) for your activity/presentation.
4. What is your topic/title?
5. What visuals would add to your activity/presentation?
6. What unique story or stories would enhance your activity/presentation? [Biblical, personal experience, media (news), etc.]
7. Prayerfully allow God to inspire your creativity as you carry out your UpReach, InReach, and OutReach activities/presentations.

God has given us the power of the Holy Spirit to help us be creative. He will fill you with inspiration, wisdom, and guidance as you prepare creative ideas for UpReach, InReach, and OutReach.

Please sign-up to receive *The Creative Box Page* to receive creative ideas and encouragement for women's ministry. Visit www.creativebox.org.

Download my free booklet titled "*Creative & Encouraging Ideas For Your Next Presentation*" at the North American Division Women's Ministries website (www.nadwm.org) found under the "Resources" tab.

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



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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.

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