

Christian *Faith* Basics



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Introduction

We have compiled this booklet as a single resource containing core teachings and beliefs that are essential to the Christian faith. Some topics include what are God' attributes, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, Bible skills, God's plan of Salvation, what is Baptism and Communion, etc.

Accompanying this booklet is also a check list which provides an overview of the essential facts and skills to be learned. As a reader becomes familiar with these topics, they should in turn be able to better explain the Christian faith to others. This resource is not meant to cover every topic about the Christian faith, but simply to provide a solid foundation.

We hope you will find this resource helpful as you seek to learn more about God and discover His plans and purposes for your life in His great plan of redemption for all of humankind!

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FAITH BASICS Check List

1. ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

- Can name the 3 Persons of the Trinity.
- Can name at least 5 Attributes of God.
- Can name at least 5 Names or Titles for Jesus.
- Can name at least 5 main Ministries of the Holy Spirit.
- Know what God created on the first six days of Creation.

2. DISCIPLESHIP SKILLS

- Know what God's mission is for the Church & all Christians.
- Can describe the A-B-C's of Salvation.
- Know what is the "Roman Road" to Salvation.
- Can recite the Lord's Prayer.
- Can describe the different types of prayer through "P.R.A.Y."
- Can recite the 10 Commandments.
- Can explain the meaning of Baptism of Communion.
- Know how to apply the S.O.A.P. devotional method.
- Know your S.H.A.P.E for ministry service.

3. BIBLE SKILLS

- Know the difference between the Old & New Testaments.
- Can use the Table of Contents to find any book in the Bible.
- Know how many books there are in the Bible.
- Can read a Bible reference by using the Book, Chapter & Verse. (e.g. "John 3:16" reads: Book of John, Chapter 3, Verse 16)
- Know the names of the first & last books of the Bible.
- Know the first 4 books of the New Testament, aka the Gospels.
- Know the first 5 books of the Old Testament, aka the Pentateuch.
- Know where to find the book of Psalms the book of Proverbs.

4. BIBLE MEMORY VERSES

- Can recite: John 3:16, Mark 12:30-31, Matthew 28:19-20,
- Joshua 24:14-15, Micah 6:8, Proverbs 3:5-6, Jeremiah 29:11

Becoming a World Changer for Jesus

I can become a world changer for Jesus by...

1. ...learning God's eternal, infallible truths from the Bible. *(Psalm 119:105)*
2. ...trusting in Jesus Christ to be my Lord and Savior. *(Romans 10:9-11)*
3. ...loving & worshipping God & fully living for Him. *(Deuteronomy 5, Mark 12:29-31)*
4. ...using my gifts and talents to serve God & others. *(Psalm 112:5, Prov. 19:17, Matt. 6:19-34, 1 Cor. 12, 2 Cor. 9:6-15, 1 Pet. 4:10)*
5. ...praying daily for the people in my OIKOS, or circle of family & friends. *(James 5:13-16, Philippians 4:6-7)*
6. ...telling others in my OIKOS, or circle of family & friends, about Jesus. *(Matt. 28:18-20, Mark 5:19)*
7. ...regularly going to church, and becoming a contributing member of God's family, the Body of Christ. *(Eph. 4, Heb. 10:25)*
8. ... being a good neighbor to people I encounter throughout my day. *(Luke 10:25-37, Gal. 6:9-10, 2 Cor. 2:14-15)*
9. ... growing as a godly servant & leader in all areas of my life. *(1 Tim. 3:1, Rom. 12:6-8, 2 Cor. 2:14-15)*

"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."

-Galatians 5:6b NIV

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

-Galatians 2:20 NIV



God's Mission for the Church & for all Christians

What is God's Mission for the Church and for all Christians?

God's mission for the Church and for all Christians is to take part in His great plan of redemption for all of humanity and the world through the good news of God's gift of forgiveness of sins and of eternal life through His Son Jesus Christ. (Luke 19:10, Matt 28:19-20, Acts 13:38)

Who are Christians & What is the Church?

Christians are all people who have put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and have been born-again by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Church is made up of all world-wide Christians with Jesus Christ at the head. The Church is also called The Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27), and The Bride of Christ (Rev. 22:17)

Who are we supposed to tell about God's good news?

God has supernaturally and strategically placed 8 to 15 or so people in our lives for whom He has commissioned us to share His love and good news. In Greek, the word to describe our personal relational world is OIKOS, or extended household.

As Jesus said to a man he had just healed in Mark 5:19, "Go home to your family (OIKOS) and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." In the same way, Jesus wants every one of us to share God's good news with our own OIKOS and to become world-changers to them, one person at a time.

See the last page of this booklet to fill out your own list of 8 to 15 people, and start changing your world by praying for & sharing God's love with your OIKOS!

ABC's of Salvation

God has promised to give the gift of eternal life and spiritual rebirth to all those who choose to place their trust in His Son, Jesus Christ! To receive that free gift for yourself, take the following steps of faith:

- **Admit** that you are a sinner and in need of God's forgiveness.
- **Believe** that Jesus died & rose from the dead to pay for your sins.
- **Confess** that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior & choose to live for Him.

You can also pray a prayer similar to the following:

Dear God,

I know that I am a sinner in need of your forgiveness. Please forgive my sins through the work that Jesus did on the cross to pay the penalty that I deserve. I want to receive your Son Jesus Christ into my heart today as my Lord and Savior for all time. Please take control of my life and help me to live for You.
–In Jesus' Name, Amen!

The “Roman Road” to Salvation:

- **Romans 3:23** – teaches us that all have sinned.
- **Romans 6:23** – teaches us about the consequences of sin.
- **Romans 5:8** – teaches us how our sins were paid for.
- **Romans 10:9-13** – teaches how to receive God's free gift of salvation.
- **Romans 5:1, Romans 8:1, Romans 8:38-39** – teaches us about the results of salvation through Jesus Christ.
- **Romans 12** – teaches us how to live for God.

The Meaning of Baptism & Communion



What is Baptism?

- Baptism is a ceremonial event in the church where a new Christ-follower is dipped, or immersed, into a body of water. This event serves as a symbolic initiation into the Body of Christ.
- When a person makes a decision to trust in Jesus Christ for his/her salvation, they are baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ and are spiritually born again. (Acts 11:16, 1 Cor. 12:13)
- Water baptism does not save us, but serves as a reenactment of the baptism by the Spirit. It also reenacts Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. For the person getting baptized, it represents his/her own death to sin and new life in Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15:3-4)
- Jesus commanded all of his followers to get baptized and so it is done out of obedience to Christ. (Matt. 28:19)
- Baptism serves as a "testimony" to those witnessing the event, of the life-changing decision a person has made to follow Jesus.
- Verses for further study: Acts 2:38-41 & 8:35-38 & 18:8, Rom. 6:3-14, 1 Cor. 12:13, Gal. 3:26-27, Col. 2:11-12, Heb. 10:22, 1 Pet. 3:21



What is Communion?

- Jesus commanded all of his followers at the Last Supper to remember him through the shared bread & wine (grape juice) of Communion.
- The bread & juice each serve as reminders of the body and blood of Jesus Christ that were sacrificed for us.
- By participating in this ceremony, a person shows that they belong to the Body of Christ: that they have put their trust in the body & blood of Jesus Christ to pay for their sins.
- Communion also provides Christ-followers with a regular opportunity to make themselves right with God and with others by confessing their sins to God before taking the bread & juice.
- Verses for further study: Matt. 26:17-29, Mark 14:12-25, Luke 22:14-20, John 6:51-58, 1 Cor. 10:16-17, 11:17-34

God's Attributes

1. Because **GOD is a personal Spirit...**I will seek intimate fellowship with Him. (Psalm 25:14, Jer. 29:13)

GOD IS Our CREATOR

2. Because **GOD is All-Powerful...**He can help me with anything. (Jer. 32:17, Eph. 3:20, Phil. 4:13)
3. Because **GOD is present everywhere...**He is always with me. (Matt. 28:20, Psalm 139:7-10)
4. Because **GOD knows everything...**I will go to Him with all my questions and concerns. (Jam. 1:5, Jer. 29:11)
5. Because **GOD is Sovereign...**I will joyfully submit to His will. (1 Chron. 29:11, Rom. 8:28)

GOD IS Our JUDGE

6. Because **GOD is Holy...**I will devote myself to Him in purity, worship, and service. (Exod. 15:11, 1 Peter 1:15)
7. Because **GOD is Absolute Truth...**I will believe what He says and live accordingly. (John 18:37, Psalm 86:11)
8. Because **GOD is Righteous...**I will live by His standards. (Psalm 145:17, Jam. 2:23)
9. Because **GOD is Just...**He will always treat me fairly. (Jer. 17:10, Eccles. 12:14)

GOD IS Our SAVIOR

10. Because **GOD is Love...**He is unconditionally committed to my well-being. (1 John 4:10, Rom. 8:39)
11. Because **GOD is Merciful...**He forgives me of my sins when I sincerely confess them. (Jam. 5:11, Matt. 5:7, Heb. 4:16)
12. Because **GOD is Faithful...**I will trust Him to always keep His promises. (Psalm 89:8, 2 Tim. 2:13, Heb. 10:23)
13. Because **GOD never changes...**my future is secure and eternal. (Jam. 1:17, Heb. 13:8)

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Days of Creation

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."
-Genesis 1:1



God separated the light from the dark.



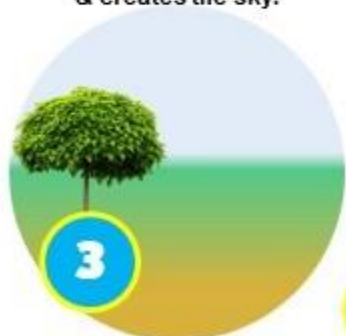
God created the sun, moon, & stars.



God separated the waters & creates the sky.



God created the sea creatures & the birds.



God created dry land, plants & trees.



God rested.



God created land creatures & humans.

"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good."
-Genesis 1:31

The Holy Trinity

God is Three Persons in One **Father, Son, & Holy Spirit**

How can we understand that God exists as 3 persons in 1?

One example is to look at a three leaf clover.

A clover has three leaves,
yet each leaf is part of the same clover.

Another example is that of water.

Water can exist in 3 different forms: solid, liquid, and gas, but
each form is made of the same stuff: Water

That's kind of like God: He is Three Persons, but each Person is
part of One and the same God.

While water changes between its three forms, however, God is
always Three Persons at the same time.

For further study, read Bible verses:

Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19, John 14:15-26, 15:26, 16:5-15, 17:1-5,
& 1 Peter 1:2



The Names & Titles of Jesus

In the Bible, the following are just a few of Jesus names & titles that help us to better understand His nature, character, works, & roles.

- **Lord** – In Hebrew, the word for “Lord” was Adonai which means “lord, master, or sovereign”. Was used in place of the unspeakable name of God, *JHVH*, or Yahweh, by the early Jews.
- **Jesus** – In Hebrew, the name “Yeshua” means “Yahweh saves” (Matthew 1:21)
- **Christ** – Is the Greek word for the Jewish Messiah which means “Anointed One”. (Psalm 2:2, John 1:41)
- **Emmanuel** – Means “God with us” which reveals the deity of Christ. (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23)
- **The Son of God** – Jesus is the unique and eternal Son of God, second person of the Trinity of God. (Psalm 2, Isaiah 9:6, John 1:34)
- **The Son of Man** – Through His Incarnation and virgin birth, Jesus entered the world as fully human in order to die on behalf of humanity. (Daniel 7:13-14, Luke 9:22, Hebrews 2:14-17, 1 Tim. 2:5-6)
- **The Last Adam** – The first man God created named Adam sinned against God, whereby forfeiting the world to Satan’s rule and subjecting it to a curse. Jesus, as the last Adam, will restore God’s Kingdom on earth and remove the curse. (1 Corinthians 15:45)
- **The Word** – Jesus is the outward expression of the invisible God. He came to reveal God to mankind. (Jn 1:1, 14, Col. 1:15-20, Heb. 1:3)
- **Light of the World** – As the “Light”, Jesus came to expose the truth and what is hidden in people’s hearts. (John 1:7-9, 8:12)
- **Lamb of God** – In the Old Testament, Jews were required to offer up a lamb to God as a sacrifice for their sins. Jesus was the final Lamb provided by God Himself sacrificed on behalf of humanity’s sin. (Isaiah 53, John 1:29, Hebrews 9:28, 10:11-12)
- **King of Israel** – As a descendant of King David, Jesus came to fulfill the prophecy to rule on King David’s throne forever. (Jeremiah 33:15, Luke 1:32-33, John 1:49)
- **King of kings and Lord of Lords** – This will be Jesus title when He returns to earth at His Second Coming to establish His Kingdom forever. (Revelation 19:16, Psalm 72:10-11, 17, Zechariah 14:16-19)

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The Ministries of the Holy Spirit

The ministries of the Holy Spirit cover the entire scope of a Christian's life, which include the following:

- **Convicts** – He convicts us of our sin before God. (Jn. 16:8-11)
- **Regenerates** – He causes new believers in Jesus Christ to be born again, or spiritually renewed and transformed. (John 3:3-7, Rom. 12:2, 1 Pet. 1:3,23, Titus 3:5)
- **Indwells** – He takes up permanent residence in all those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. (Acts 2:38, Rom. 5:5, 1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19, 2 Cor. 5:5, Eph. 1:13-14, 2 Tim. 1:14, Titus 3:4-5)
- **Baptizes** – He baptizes, or places, all new Christ-followers into the family of God, or the body of Christ. (Acts 11:16, 1 Cor. 12:13)
- **Seals** – He seals all Christ-followers as a guarantee of their eternal salvation. (Eph. 1:13, 4:30, 2 Cor. 1:22, 5:5)
- **Gives Gifts** – He gives each Christ-follower at least one spiritual gift for service. (Rom. 12:6-8, 1 Cor. 12:7-11)
- **Bears Fruit** – He enables Christ-followers to produce the "Fruit of the Spirit". This is a single product with 9 attributes which include: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, & self-control. (Gal. 5:16-18, 5:22-23 & Phil. 2:13)
- **Fills** - He empowers Christ-followers to do things they cannot do on their own in order to live for God. (Acts 1:8, Rom. 8:26, Eph. 3:16, 5:18, Phil. 4:13)

Verses for further study on the Holy Spirit: Numbers 11:25, 1 Samuel 10:6 & 16:13-14, Psalm 51:11, 139, Isaiah 11:2-3, 48:16, 63:11, Joel 2:28-29, Acts 5:3-4, 2 Corinthians 3:17, 1 Timothy 4:1

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Some Characters in the Bible

Throughout the Bible, there are stories of imperfect people whom God has used in amazing ways to bring about His great plan of redemption to humanity and the world. Despite their short-comings, each person, by faith, believed in God's promises and obeyed His instructions for their life. (Heb. 11) God then used their obedience to bless the rest of humanity on a global scale.

- **Noah** – Though he was the only righteous man during his day, Noah stepped out in faith despite the risk of ridicule, to build the Ark that God commanded him to build. Because of his faith, a remnant of humanity was able to be spared from God's judgment through the Flood and to re-populate the world. (Gen. 5:28-10:32)
- **The Patriarchs of Israel: Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob** – God had promised to birth a nation through Abraham even though he and his wife Sarah were very old and had no children. After many years of waiting, and tragically taking matters into their own hands, Abraham & Sarah finally received God's blessing in faith through their son Isaac. God's promise was then passed on through Isaac to his own son named Jacob, whom God later renamed to Israel. Jacob then had twelve sons who became the Twelve Tribes of Israel. It was through the nation of Israel that God has given to the world the Bible and His Son Jesus the promised Messiah. (Gen 11:26-35:29, Rom. 9:4-5)
- **Moses** – Moses was born at a time when the Israelites were living as slaves in Egypt. Despite having murdered a man, then spending 40 years in the desert as a lowly shepherd, Moses finally received in faith God's promised calling to him as the deliverer and leader of the nation of Israel to lead them out of slavery and to the Promised Land. (Exod., Lev., Num., Deut.)
- **King David** – David started his life as a lowly shepherd boy. Because of his great faith and love for God, God appointed him to be the second King of Israel. Despite his short-comings & moral failure, God forgave King David and promised him that the Messiah would come from his lineage & would one day rule and reign forever on his throne. (1 Samuel 16-31, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings 1-2)
- **Jesus' 12 Disciples** – Jesus chose 12 unlikely men to be his disciples. Though one of them, Judas, betrayed Jesus, the remaining 11 went on as the Apostles of the faith to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the known world with most of them dying as martyrs. (Matt., Mark, Luke, & John)
- **Apostle Paul** – Paul served in his early life as a very devout Jewish religious leader who persecuted and murdered Christians. Despite his violent beginning, Paul was chosen by Jesus to be an Apostle to the Church and great writer of the New Testament Epistles. (Read his story in the book of Acts)

How to P.R.A.Y

P.R.A.Y. – Praise, Repent, Ask and Yield

P – Praise God by thanking Him for something wonderful He has done.

(Psalm 105:1-4)

R – Repent by asking God for forgiveness for something wrong you have done.

(James 4:2b-3a)

A – Ask God for help in your own or someone else's life. (petition & intercession)

(John 15:7, Matt. 21:21-22, Philipp. 4:6-7, 1 Tim. 2:1-2, 1 John 5:14)

Y – Yield by surrendering your own way of doing things, and seeking God's way for your life instead.

(Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 119:105, Romans 12)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power
and the glory forever.
Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:1-4

S.O.A.P

Devotional Method

As a part of your growth as a Christian, it is important to engage in personal devotions by reading the Bible regularly. The following method can help to deepen your insights and to hear what God wants to say to you personally to more fully live for Him. On a blank journal page, record insights based on the following steps:

Scripture –Record the scripture verse that the Holy Spirit has brought to mind for you from your daily Bible reading.

Observation –Record your general observations about the scripture verse.

Application –Record how this verse is personally speaking to you and/or how it can be applied to your life.

Prayer–Record a prayer that comes to mind based on this new insight that you can then pray to the Lord.

From the Life Journal published by New Hope Resources. Journals can also be purchased from www.enewhope.org. Also available is access to an online Bible reading plan.

The Armor of God

Ephesians 6:13-17



“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devils schemes.”

-Ephesians 6:10-11

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

God first gave the 10 Commandments to Moses on top of Mt. Sinai. These laws reflect God's moral ethic for all of humanity. (Exod. 20, Deut. 5)

- 1. You shall have no other gods before me.** (*Put God first in your life and ask the Holy Spirit to help you obey all His commands.*)
- 2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.** (Anything can become an idol to us including power, wealth, pleasure, fame, etc...Worship only God.)
- 3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.** (Use God's name with reverence and respect.)
- 4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.** (God wants us to take a day of rest to worship Him. Jesus is the one who now gives us our Sabbath rest. Set aside a day each week to worship Him and enjoy His rest. Colossians 2:16-17, Hebrews 4:1-11)
- 5. Honor your father and your mother.** (For younger children: heed your parent's advice so that you may gain in wisdom & live well. For older children: care and be there for your parents as they age.) (Proverbs 19:20, 20:11, Ephesians 6:1-3, 1 Timothy 5:4)
- 6. You shall not murder.** (Do not allow your anger to turn into hate or revenge. Do not commit violence against others. Every human life is valuable to God since He created us in His own image.) (Matt. 5:21-26, 5:43-48)
- 7. You shall not commit adultery.** (Husbands & wives should keep their marriage promises and be faithful to one another.) (Matt. 5:27-30)
- 8. You shall not steal.** (Do not gain wealth by committing fraud, theft, or by cheating others. Earn an honest living thru your own hard work.) (Eph. 4:28)
- 9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.** (Do not slander others or make false accusations. Don't lie. Be honest & trustworthy. Speak the truth in love.) (Prov. 12:17, 22, 24:28, Eph 4:15)
- 10. You shall not covet.** (Do not be motivated by greed, envy, or selfish ambition. Instead, be motivated by generosity & self-sacrifice.) (2Cor. 9:6-15)

Jesus summed up God's commandments in the following way:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

There is no commandment greater than these.” -Mark 12:30-31

Bible Memory Verses

List #1

John 3:16 (NIV)

“For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life.”

The Great Commandment Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

“‘Love the Lord your God
with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your mind
and with all your strength.’
The second is this:
‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’
There is no commandment greater than these.”

The Great Commission Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of
the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything
I have commanded you.”

Bible Memory Verses

List #2

Joshua 24:15 (ESV)

“But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

“And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight.”

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,”
declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.”

Becoming a New Creation in Christ!

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" -2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV



The journey of becoming a new creation in Christ can be likened to that of a butterfly. A butterfly starts its life off as a caterpillar. Later, it is transformed into a beautiful butterfly.

The Bible says that all people are sinners and that we all fall short of God's glorious standards (1 John 1:8-10, Romans 3:23). Because of this, we all require God's forgiveness and redemption through His Son, Jesus Christ. By choosing to follow Jesus, we are choosing to die to our old sinful selves, and to living a new life in Jesus Christ. The Bible says that when a person is in Christ, they become a new creation.

Jesus told a man named Nicodemus that if a person wants to enter the Kingdom of God, he or she must be spiritually born again. "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." (John 3:3-7) A person is born again once they decide to put their trust in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. It is the third person of the Trinity, God's Holy Spirit, who then comes to live in the heart of every believer to help them to live for God. (Titus 3:5 & 1 Peter 1:3) Being spiritually born again is what allows the new believer in Christ to begin the journey of becoming a new creation.

(Read Romans 12 & Galatians 5:22 to learn of the fruits of this new life in Christ.)

"But the Fruit of the Spirit is..."



*love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness & self-control."*

Galatians 5:22-23

Other verses on spiritual fruit:
Luke 6:43-45, John 15:1-17, Ephesians 5:9-11,
Titus 2:11-14

Your S.H.A.P.E for Service

God has made every one of us to be a unique masterpiece of His creation! Because of our uniqueness, God has plans for every one of us to use our special packaging of giftedness to serve Him in His great plan of redemption here on Earth. As Christ-followers, we are a part of the larger body of Christ and family of God. God wants us to put our giftedness towards becoming world-changers for Him both within our own OIKOS, or spheres of influence, as well as in the ministry life of our local church. The following acronym called S.H.A.P.E. can help you to discover how God has uniquely shaped and gifted you to discover your purpose in this life and become a world-changer for Him!

Spiritual Gifts – When we first become a follower of Jesus Christ, the Bible says that the Holy Spirit gives us special gifts with which to serve Him in ministry. (Rom. 12:6-8, 1 Cor. 12:7-11, Eph. 2:10, 4:11-12, 1 Pet. 4:10-11)

Heart – Our heart represents the source of our motivation and passion. (Prov. 27:19)

Abilities – These are your natural talents, given to you at birth. Examples include: athletic ability, musical ability, intellectual ability, speaking ability, etc...

Personality – Everyone is born with a unique personality. Some people are extroverts, others introverts. Some are more feelings oriented, others more analytical. Some are more energetic and passionate, others more quiet or melancholy.

Experience – These reflect the sum total of your unique life experiences. These include your family upbringing, your spiritual upbringing, your educational or work experiences, your difficult and painful experiences, etc...

Based on book *The Purpose Driven Life*, 2002 pgs. 234-239 by Rick Warren. For more info, visit: purposedriven.com

Your OIKOS Prayer List

In each of our lives, God has supernaturally and strategically placed 8 to 15 or so people in our relational worlds to whom He plans to show His love and share His good news through us. In Greek, the word to describe our personal relational world is OIKOS, extended household, or tribe.

Fill out the list below of those 8 to 15 or so people in your OIKOS. You can then pray for these people regularly. Ask God to show you how you can change their world by showing them His love and kindness. If there are any in your OIKOS who don't yet know about Jesus Christ, ask God to give you a chance to tell them about him!

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Who is in your OIKOS?



Verses about sharing your faith:

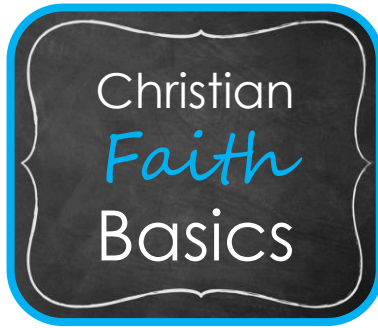
Mark 5:19
2 Corinthians 5:18-20
Romans 10:17
1 Peter 3:15
Colossians 4:5-6

Based on book "8 to 15 – The World is Smaller Than You Think" by Tom Mercer.

Notes:



*Equipping people to become spiritually maturing, self-feeding,
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