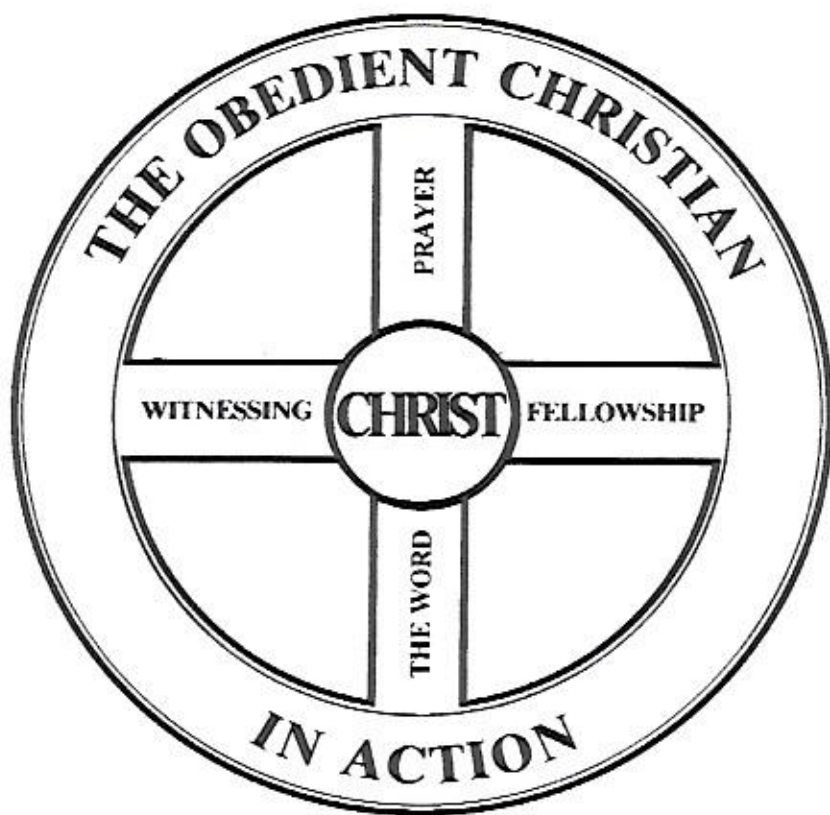


The Wheel

Just as any wheel in balance must have the hub directly in the center, any life in balance must be centered on Christ. He is the power source for a dynamic Christian life just as the wheel is driven forward by the power of the hub. The direction of any wheel also comes from the hub and so every mature believer follows the Lordship of Christ. He sets the direction for their lives.



Christ the Center—
Galatians 2:20; John 15:5;
Colossians 1:27
Obedience to Christ—
John 14:21; Romans 12:
1,2;
Luke 6:46
The Word—I Peter 2:2;
II Timothy 3:16,17;
Joshua 1:8
Prayer—Matthew 7:7;
Philippians 4:6,7;
John 15:7
Fellowship—
Matthew 18:20;
Hebrews 10:24,25;
I John 1:3
Witnessing—
Matthew 4:19;
Romans 1:16;
I Peter 3:15

- The rim on a wheel is where the rubber meets the road. This is living the daily life of following Christ by being obedient to His commands.
- The spokes represent the basics of walking with Christ. Every believer must have these elements in their life in order to grow consistently and fruitfully. The vertical spokes depict our relationship with God. The foundational spoke is the Word. In His Word God speaks to us and we get direction from Him. Through Prayer we speak to God sharing with Him our needs, we praise His greatness and confess our sins.
- The horizontal spokes depict our relationships with people—Fellowship is our relationship with believers. We share the love of Christ with one another. Witnessing is our relationship with those who don't know Christ. We share the reality of Christ and His gospel by our words and our lifestyle.

DISCIPLESHIP

After presenting the Wheel Illustration use the following chart and questions to help one evaluate how they are doing spiritually. This can help us decide if we are in fact disciples of Jesus and find out how to help others become disciples.

	What I presently do	My new plan
Making Christ the Center of my life		
Obedience		
The Word		
Prayer		
Fellowship		
Witnessing		

Questions to help us evaluate how we are doing

Christ the Center: In the major decisions I make do I seek God's will first?

How will this decision affect my relationship to Christ and the spread of the Gospel? John 15:5 *I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

Obedience to Christ: Do I often do something specifically in obedience to the Word rather than my own desires?

John 14:21 *Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.*

The Word: Am I getting in the Word daily through reading, listening, studying memorizing, or meditating?

Am I living by the principles from God's Word in the area of my finances, relationships, and my character?

Do I make frequent applications to my life based on insights from God's Word?

John 8:31 *To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.*

PRAYER: Am I on a regular basis praying for family, friends, missions, and decisions?

Eph. 6:18 *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

FELLOWSHIP: Am I in a small group where there is an accountability relationship?

WITNESSING: Am I praying for specific people who are nonbelievers and doing things that will help them become believers?

Two skills – to be fruitful

1. Presenting the gospel
2. Leading a Bible study