

The Godly Man as a Disciple

The Wheel – Horizontal Spokes

This chapter will present the horizontal spokes of The Wheel Illustration, the visual portrayal of the Christ-centered lifestyle of a disciples. These spokes have to do with our relationships with our fellow men – fellowship with believers and unbelievers alike.



Fellowship

Fellowship is defined as comradeship, companionship, a relation in which parties hold something in common, mutual sharing, or friendly association. Someone has said, in the Christian context, that fellowship is two fellows on the same ship going in the same direction.

1. What is the basis of Christian fellowship? I John 1:3

2. The fellowship of the world rests on many different bases. Name some of the things which draw people together.

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3. Why is Christian fellowship more permanent than the world's fellowship?

Hebrews 13:8

4. Discover and list from Acts 2:42 four things in which the early church continued.

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5. The New English Bible translates the part of Acts 2:42 on fellowship as “sharing the common life.” Explain in practical ways what the term “sharing the common life” means to you:

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6. Why is fellowship important to us?

Matthew 18:19-20
Leviticus 26:8
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10
Hebrews 10:25

7. Check two basic things which you feel hinder Christian fellowship most today:

- Pride (..)
- Selfishness (..)
- Lack of Love (..)
- Lack of understanding (..)
- Independence (..)
- Busyness (..)
- Fear (..)
- Hyprocrisy (..)
- Sin in the life (..)
- Other (..)



Do you have at least one Christian friend with whom you are able to be completely yourself, knowing he will accept you and love you anyway?

- a. If so, pause now and thank God for him. Thank him for being this kind of friend this coming week.
- b. If not, pause now and ask God to bring someone like this into your life.

Carefully read Jesus' prayer in John 17 with the goal of discovering what He revealed to us about the importance of fellowship.

Witnessing

- 1. Whose job is it to save people? I Timothy 1:15
- 2. We are simply the of Christ. II Corinthians 5:19-20
- 3. The power is in (*Romans 1:16. Check one*)

- The presentation (..)
- The one presenting Christ (..)
- Just the right setting (..)
- The Gospel (..)

4. Define "the Gospel" in your own words. I Corinthians 15:3-4
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5. What is a personal testimony? I John 1:3, Acts 4:20

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6. Read Acts 26:4-23. This is Paul's personal testimony. From the following portions of Acts 26, match up the part of Paul's testimony which applies:

- Acts 26:4-11 (...) 1. How Paul met Christ.
- Acts 26:12-18 (...) 2. What life has been like since he met Christ.
- Acts 26:19-23 (...) 3. What life was like before he met Christ.

7. Write out your own personal testimony in 125 words or less, including the three basic elements mentioned above.

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8. The "Steps to Peace with God" pamphlet furnished with this study is one way of presenting the Gospel. Share the pamphlet completely with someone other than your family this week.

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Suggestions For Further Study

- Tape 1149 - Enemies of Evangelism, Skip Gray
- Tape 234 - Witnessing, Richard Halverson
- Tape 772 - Soul Winning, Paul Little
- Tape 34 - Harvest of Crops, LeRoy Eims
- Tape BSU170 - Link In the Chain, Jack Griffin

- Winning Ways, by Leroy Eims, Victor Books.
- Don't Fake It ... Say it with Love, by Howard Hendricks, Victor Books