



**COVENANT**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **Camp**

Session 3

**Our Purpose in the World – WALK**  
**(Ephesians 4:1 – 6:9)**



# Review: 3 postures of the believer



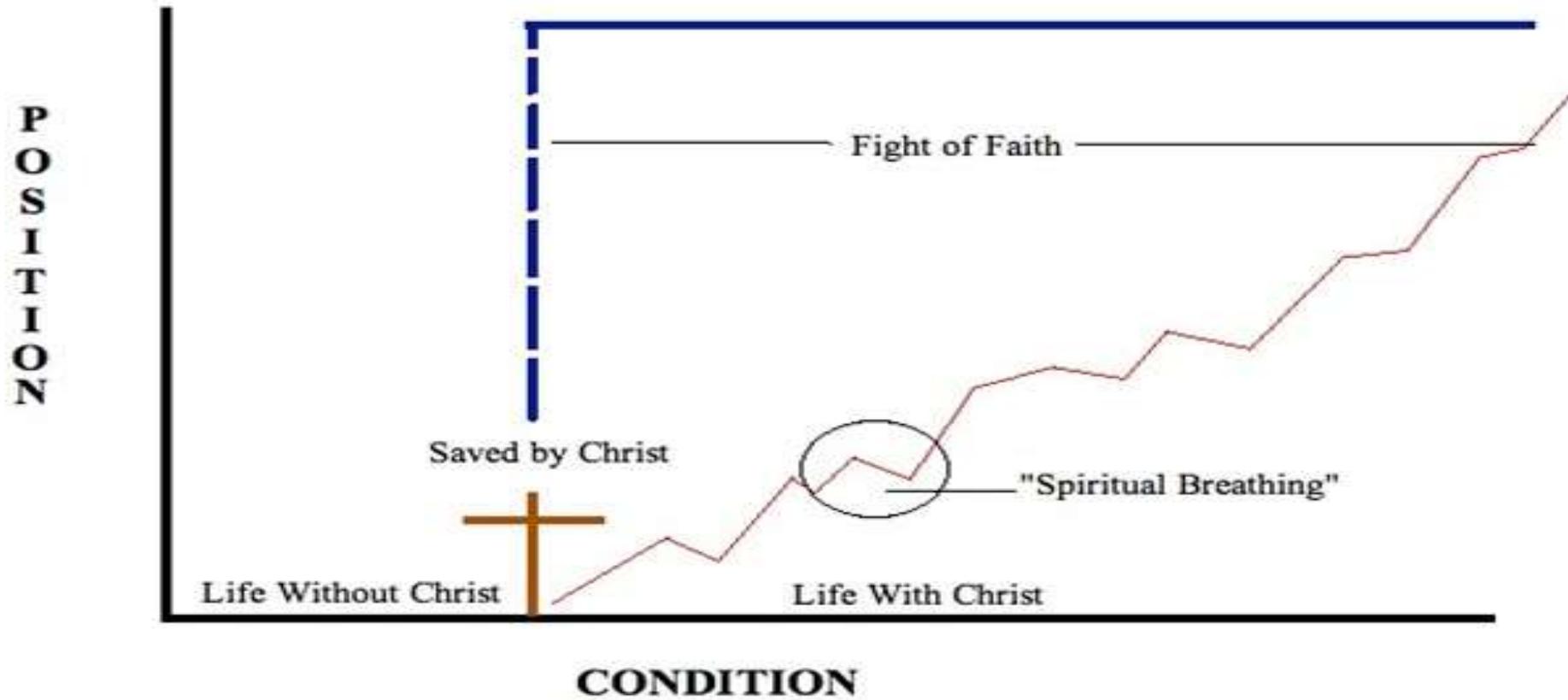
Eph. 2:6

Eph. 4:1

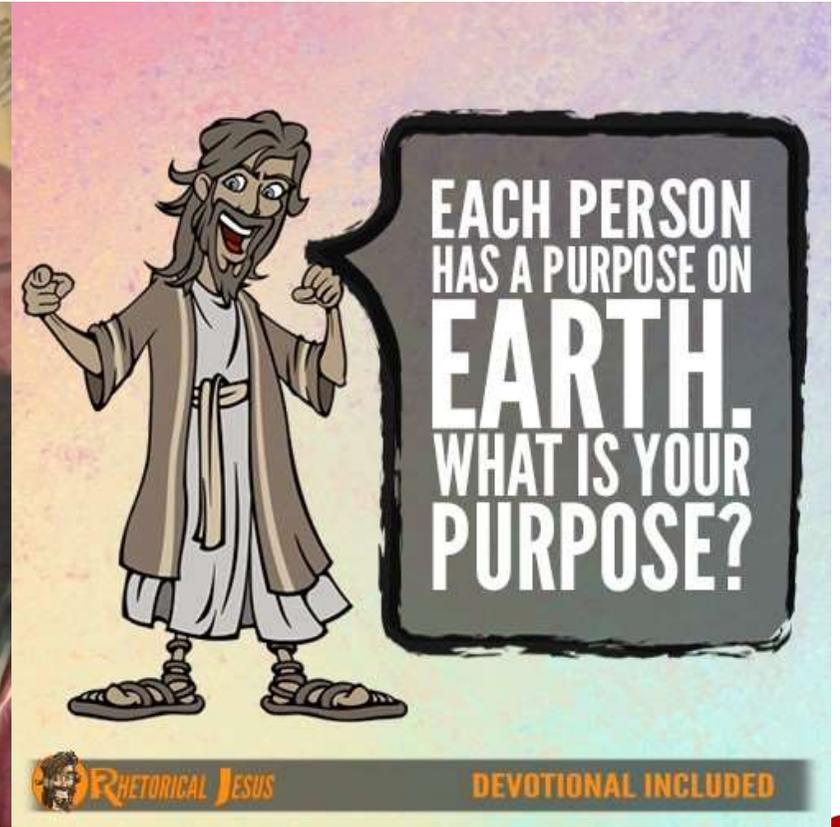
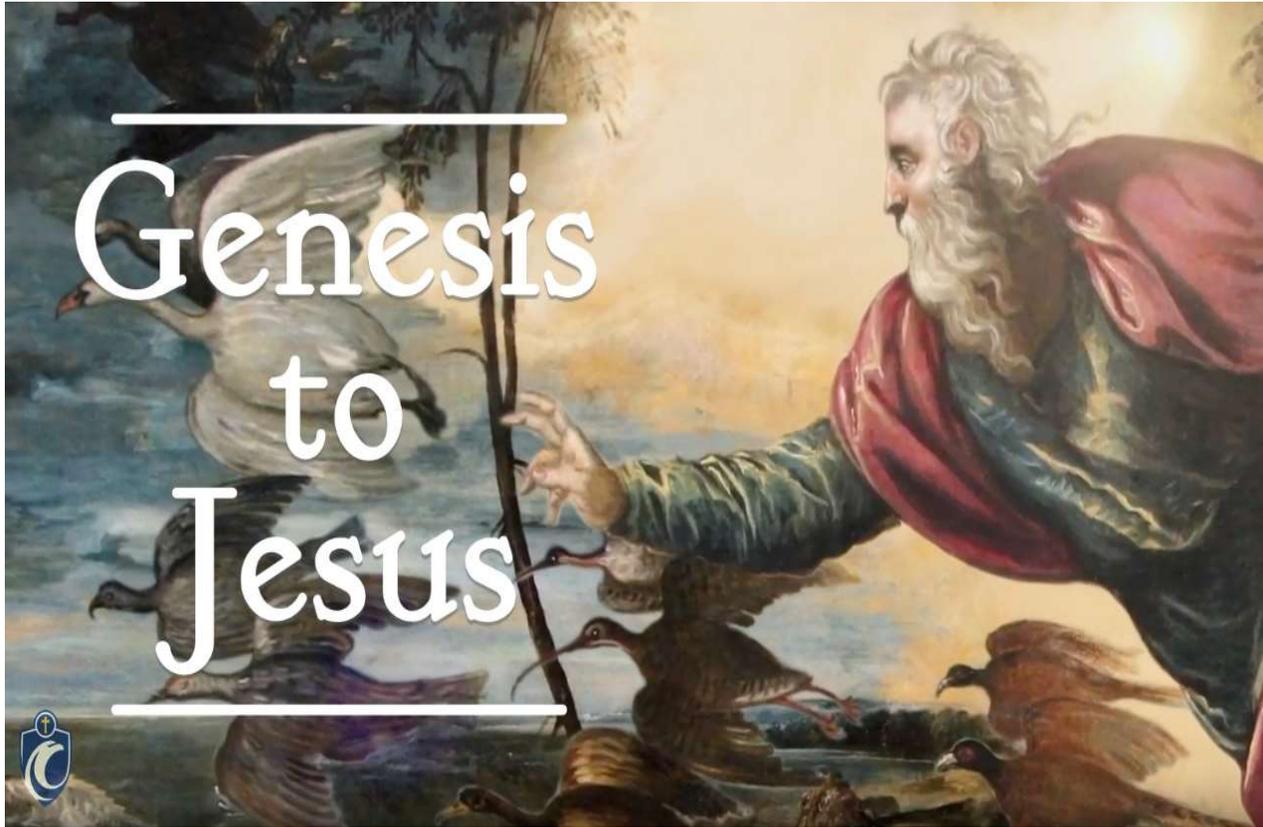
Eph. 6:10-11



# Review:



# Session 3 - Our Purpose in the World



# 1. Description of a Christian Lifestyle:

<b>The Book of Ephesians</b>		
<b>Belief</b> 1 – 3	<b>Disconnect</b>	<b>Life</b> 4 – 6
<b>Doctrine</b>		<b>Duty</b>



# 1. Description of a Christian Lifestyle:

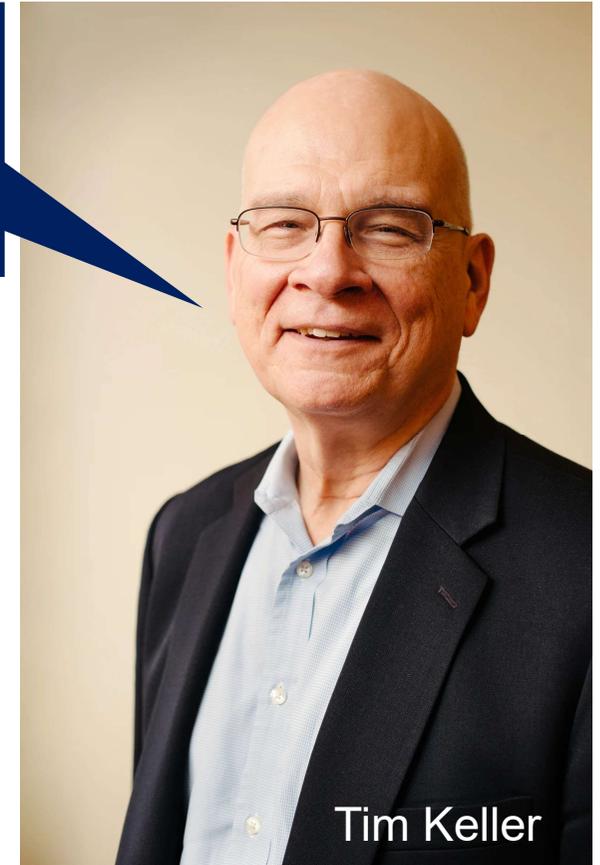
**“God assured me that I’ve done my part and I need to leave the rest with others and Jesus.”**



# 1. Description of a Christian Lifestyle:

*We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.*

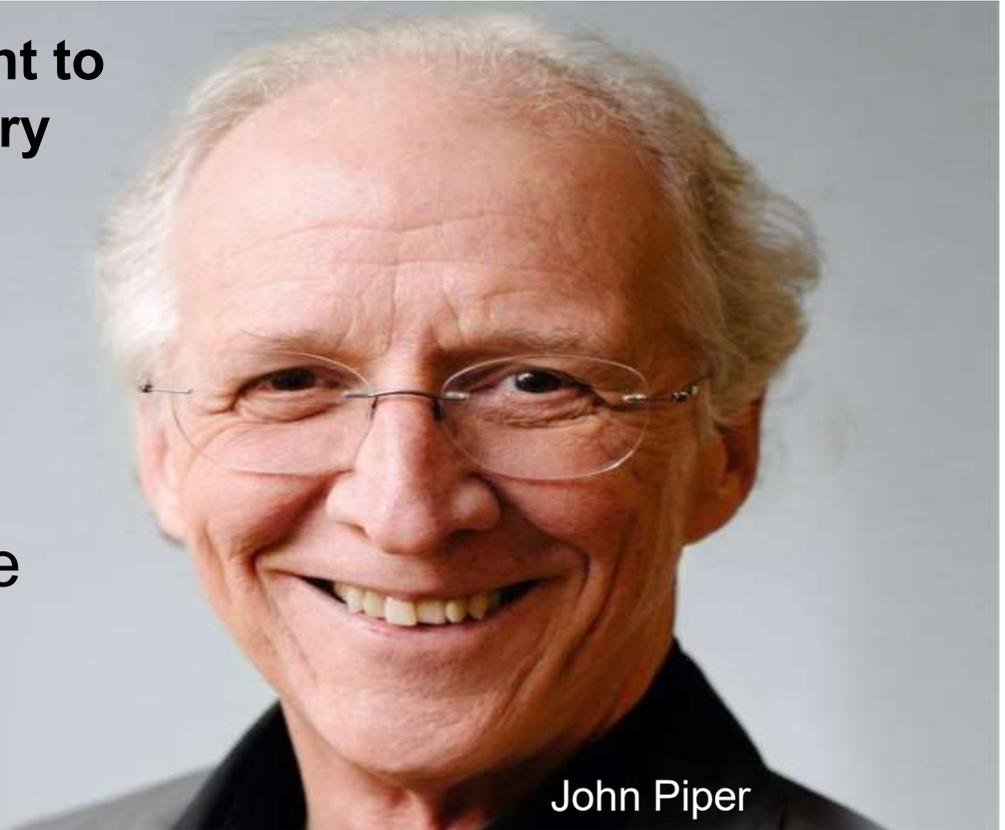
“I ... learned not to build a ministry on leadership charisma (which I didn't have anyway!) or preaching skill (which wasn't so much there early on) but on loving people pastorally and repenting when I was in the wrong. In a small town, people will follow you if they trust you—your character—personally, and that trust has to be built in personal relationships.”



# 1. Description of a Christian Lifestyle:

**What the late Tim Keller would want to say to us with regard to our ministry unto the Lord**

It is better to take delight in the Saviour more than in His service. At the end of your life on earth make sure your name is written in Heaven!



# 1. Description of a Christian Lifestyle:

WHAT IS  
THE CHIEF  
END OF  
MAN?

MAN'S CHIEF END  
IS TO GLORIFY GOD  
*and to enjoy him forever.*



# 1. Description of a Christian Lifestyle:

The Five “Walks”				
Walk in Unity	Walk in Holiness	Walk in Truth	Walk in Love	Walk in Wisdom
Unity of the Spirit	Likeness of God	Light of Christ	Sacrifice of Christ	Filling of the Spirit
As Grownups	As New People	As Ones who Please God	As Beloved Children	As Spirit-filled People
Peace	Holiness	Truth	Love	Wisdom
4:1 – 16	4:17 – 24	4:25 – 32	5:1 – 6	5:15 – 6:9
<b>Application: Ephesians 4:1 – 6:9</b>				



# 1. Description of a Christian Lifestyle:

Christ is rich & generous giver, who has given various gifts to His people (v.7)  
Christ is also the one who ascended & descended (vs.8 – 9)

Certain people with a key role in the early Israelite believing community.

<sup>11</sup> And **he gave** the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,

The original Israelite community centred on the apostles in Jerusalem (Eph.2:19; Rom. 15:25–26, 31; 1 Cor. 16:1; 2 Cor. 8:4; 9:1, 12)

The mission of preaching the gospel to the nations.

The church, the fulfilment of God's cosmic purposes in Christ (Eph.1:22 – 23)

<sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

All of Us

What Christ's body should look like.

<sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,



What Christ did

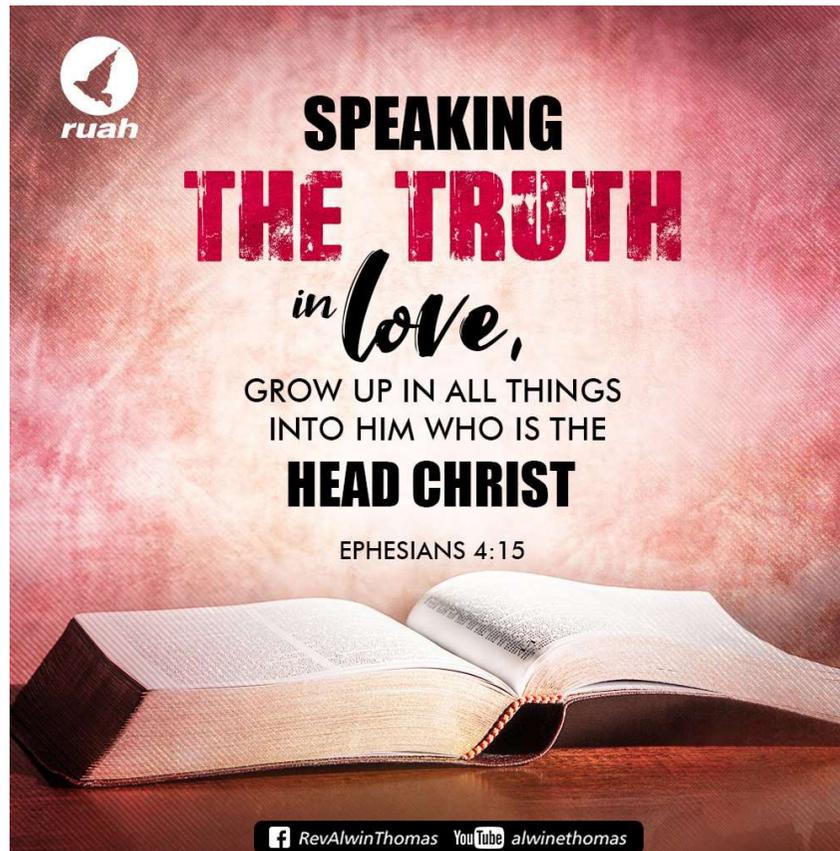
PAST

What Christ is doing  
How we are involved.

FUTURE



# 1. Description of a Christian Lifestyle:



**ruah**

**SPEAKING  
THE TRUTH**  
*in love,*  
GROW UP IN ALL THINGS  
INTO HIM WHO IS THE  
**HEAD CHRIST**  
EPHESIANS 4:15

RevAlwinThomas YouTube alwinethomas

The image shows the cover of a book titled "Speaking the Truth in Love" by Rev. Alvin Thomas. The cover features a red and white background with a glowing effect. At the top left is the "ruah" logo. The title "SPEAKING THE TRUTH" is in large, bold, red letters, with "in love," in a smaller, cursive font. Below the title, the text reads "GROW UP IN ALL THINGS INTO HIM WHO IS THE HEAD CHRIST" and "EPHESIANS 4:15". At the bottom, there is an image of an open Bible. Social media links for Facebook and YouTube are provided at the bottom.



**Beware Of False Prophet!**

Word of Faith

RICK WARREN HERETIC

Where is MESSIAH?

WEEKLY

The image is a collage of various televangelists and religious figures, set against a background of blue flames. The title "Beware Of False Prophet!" is written in large, red, stylized letters at the top. Below the title, there are numerous small images of people, some of whom are well-known televangelists. One prominent figure is Rick Warren, with the text "RICK WARREN HERETIC" next to his image. Other text elements include "Word of Faith", "Where is MESSIAH?", and "WEEKLY". The overall theme is a warning against false prophets.



# 1. Description of a Christian Lifestyle:

<sup>17</sup> Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must **no longer walk as** the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. <sup>18</sup> They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. <sup>19</sup> They have become callous and have **given themselves up** to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. <sup>20</sup> But that is not the way you learned Christ!—  
<sup>21</sup> assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup> to put off your old self, which belongs to your **former manner of life** and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.



# 1. Description of a Christian Lifestyle:

4:25 Therefore,

4:31-32

NOT THIS

RATHER DO THIS

WHY

*Let all bitterness  
and wrath and anger and clamor and slander  
be put away  
from you, along  
with all malice.*

VICE

*Be kind to one  
another,  
tenderhearted,  
forgiving one another,*

VIRTUE

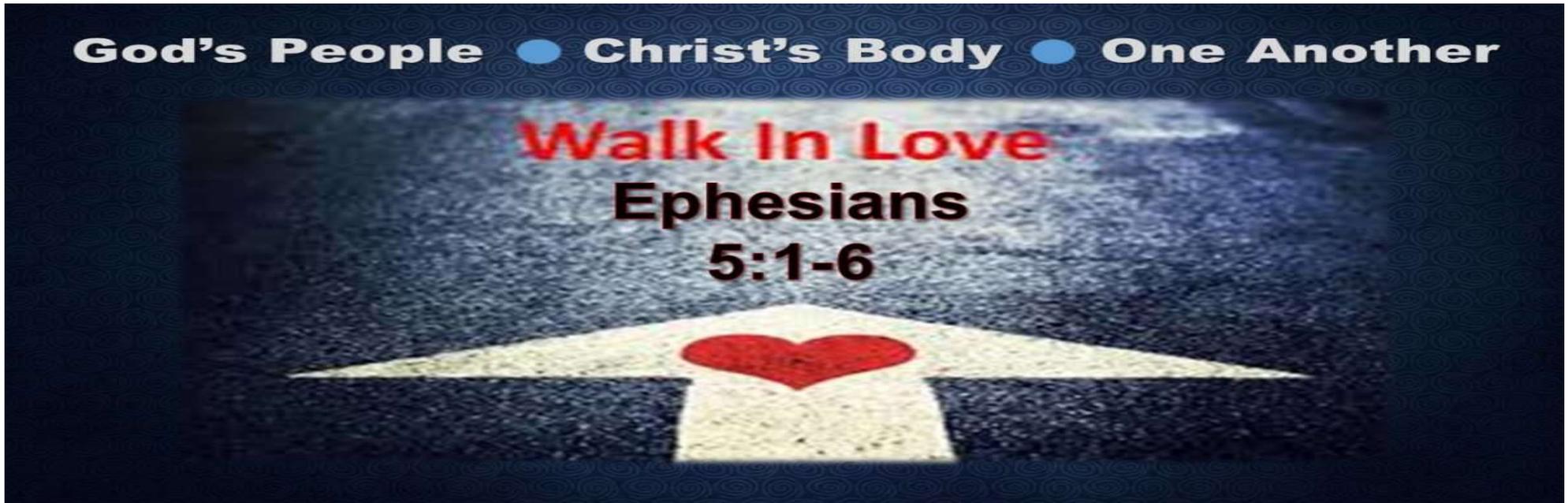
*as God in Christ  
forgave you.*

GOSPEL REASON



# 1. Description of a Christian Lifestyle:

<sup>2</sup> And **walk in love**, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



# 1. Description of a Christian Lifestyle:

<sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Walk as children of light** <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the **unfruitful works of darkness**, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of **the things that they do in secret**. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup> **Look carefully then how you walk**, not as unwise but as wise,



# 1. Description of a Christian Lifestyle:



The Church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of imperfect ones.

~ Henry Ward Beecher

AZ QUOTES





Discuss the concept of spiritual transformation and the role of service in building a community with God's DNA, based on Ephesians 4:1-16. Ask participants to share their experiences of how serving others has impacted their own spiritual growth.



## 2. Nurturing a Community of Faith

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

<sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Saviour.



# 2. Nurturing a Community of Faith

## Marriage Covenant Pyramid

Matt 22:37-40; Eph 5:31; Gen 2:24

1<sup>st</sup> Great Commandment  
Vertical  
God – Man

**God**

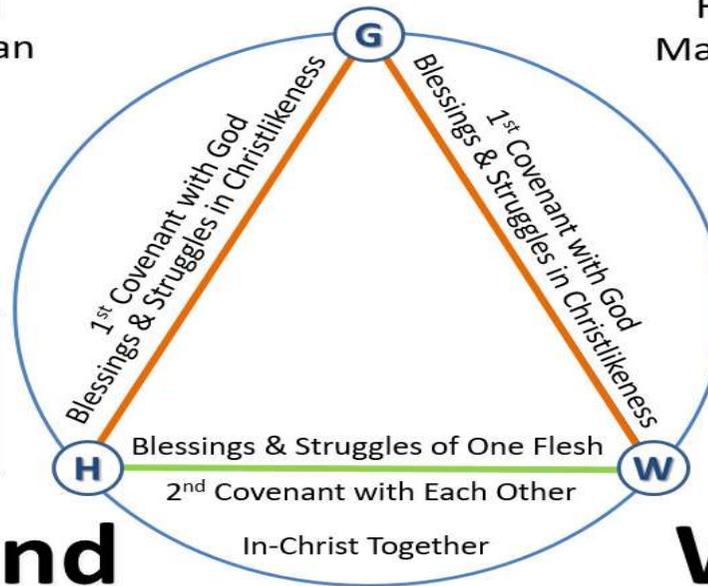
2<sup>nd</sup> Great Commandment  
Horizontal  
Man – Woman

Distance One:  
Your Walk  
with God

Distance Two:  
Your Walk  
with each  
other

You can only get  
closer as a couple  
as you get closer  
to God.

Your Daily Walk  
Matters &  
Requires  
Covenant  
Faithfulness



**Husband**

**Wife**



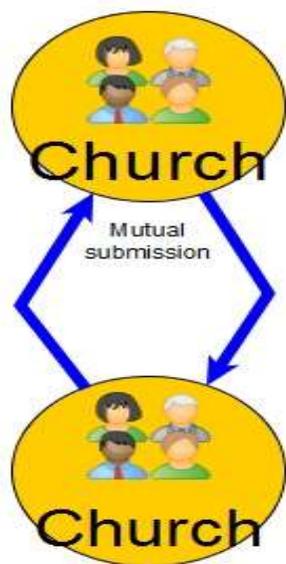
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<b>Verse</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>How?</b>
<b>Eph. 5:22</b>	<b>Wives</b>	<b>Submit</b>	<b>As to the Lord</b>
<b>Eph. 5:23</b>	<b>Husband</b>	<b>Head of Wife</b>	<b>As Christ is the Head of the Church</b>
<b>Eph. 5:24</b>	<b>Wives</b>	<b>Be Subject</b>	<b>Just as the church is to Christ</b>
<b>Eph. 5:25</b>	<b>Husbands</b>	<b>Love</b>	<b>Just as Christ loved and gave Himself</b>
<b>Eph. 5:28</b>	<b>Husbands</b>	<b>Love</b>	<b>As their own bodies As the Lord loves</b>
<b>Eph. 5:33</b>	<b>(Husbands)</b>	<b>Love</b>	<b>As Christ loves As you love yourself</b>
<b>Eph. 5:33</b>	<b>Wife</b>	<b>Respect</b>	<b>NOTE: “and”</b>

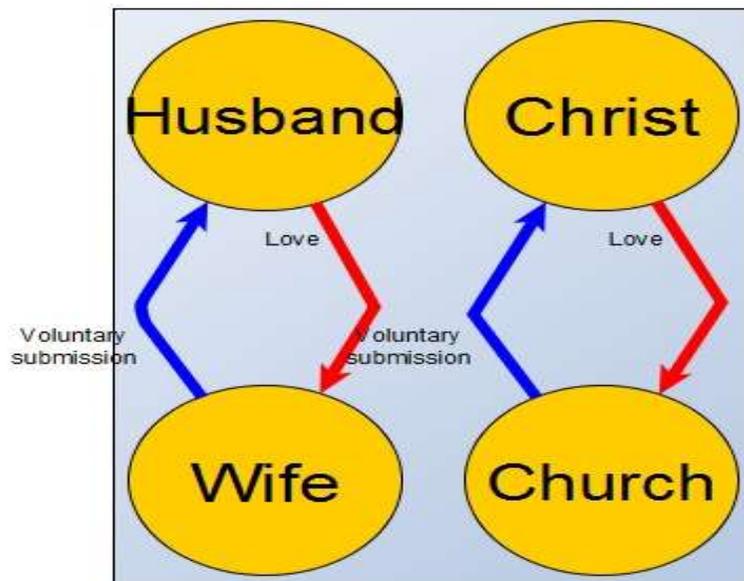


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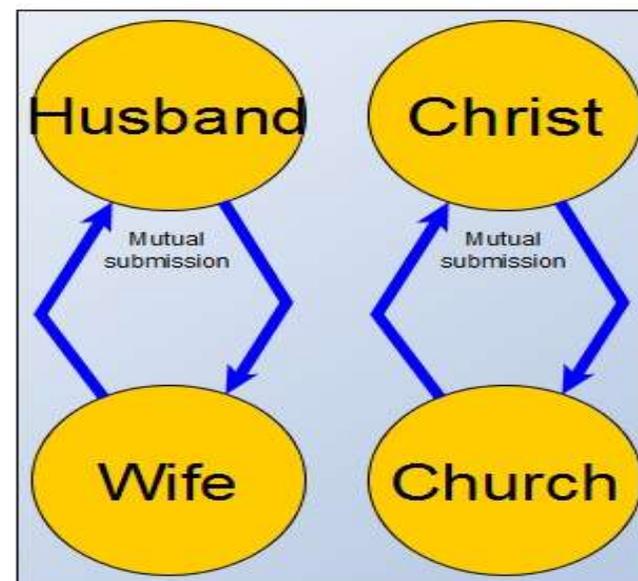
# EPHESIANS 5 SIMPLIFIED



**YES**



**YES**



**NO**



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6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, **for this is right.** <sup>2</sup> “Honour your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), <sup>3</sup> “that it **may go well with you** and that you may live long in the land.” <sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the **discipline and instruction** of the Lord.

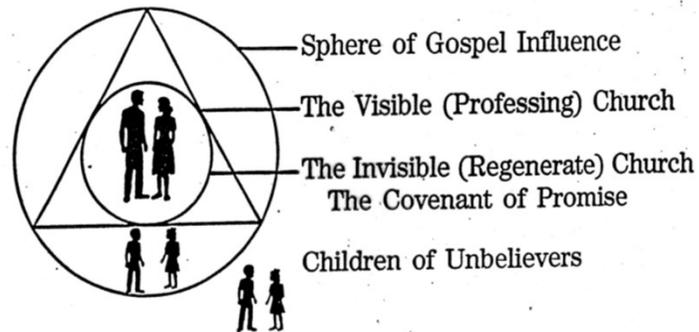
Pleases God  
(6:1 – 2a)

Brings Profit  
(6:2b – 3)

Requires Training  
(6:4)

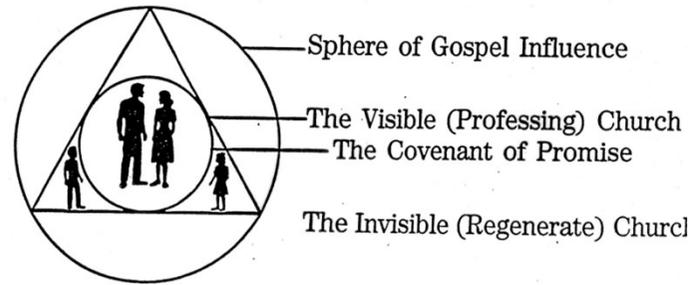


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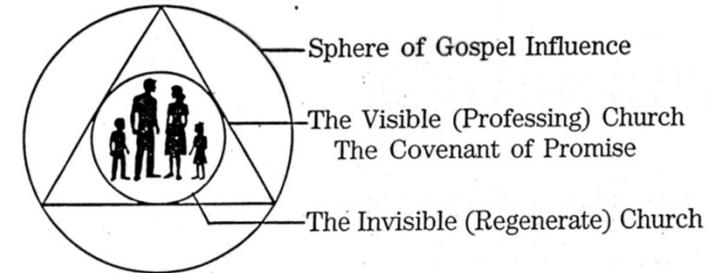
### Unbelieving Children

Children of believing parents are viewed as in the sphere of Gospel influence but not as in church visible or invisible. The children of unbelievers, unless raised by believers are even outside the sphere of Gospel influence.



### Covenant Children

Children of believing parents are viewed as in the sphere of Gospel influence, the visible church and the covenant of promise but not the invisible church.



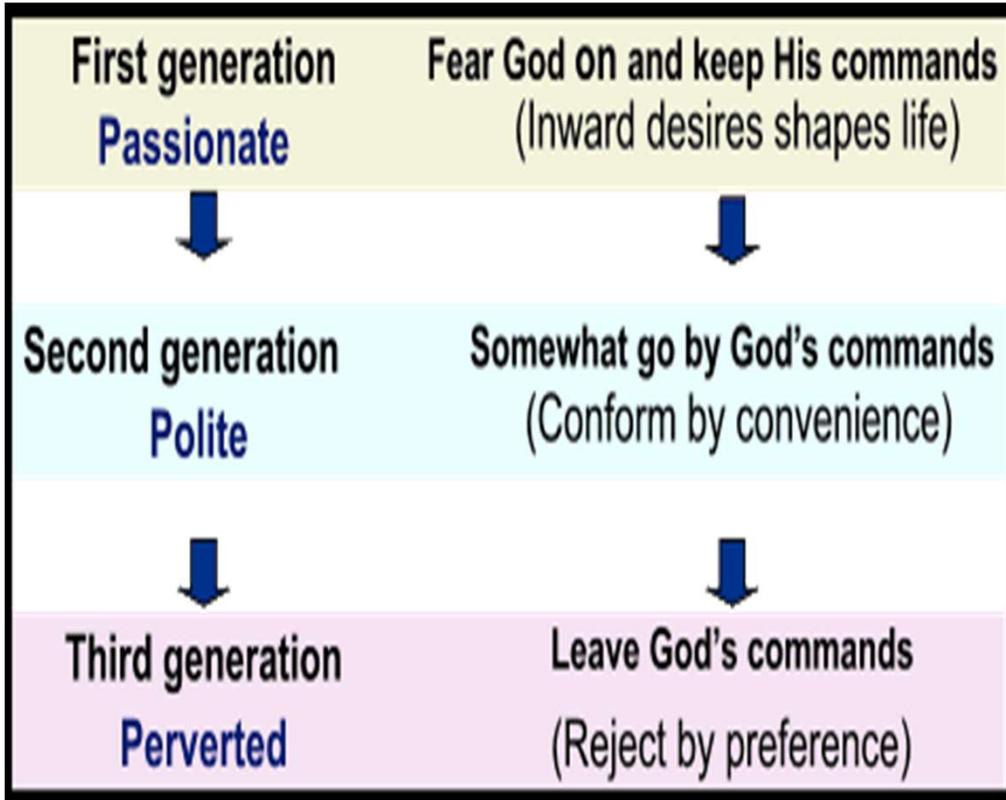
### Saved Children

Children of believing parents are viewed as the sphere of Gospel influence, the visible and invisible church and the covenant of promise.

Source: Spackmen, C.K. Parents passing on the Faith, Wheaton: Victor books p.20 - 21



# 2. Nurturing a Community of Faith



**The Joshua Generation**  
 First-hand faith  
 Seen works of God  
 Power of Spirit



**2<sup>nd</sup> Generation**  
 Second-hand faith  
 Heard about works of God  
 Spirit & Self



**3<sup>rd</sup> Generation**  
 No faith  
 Didn't know works of God  
 Self



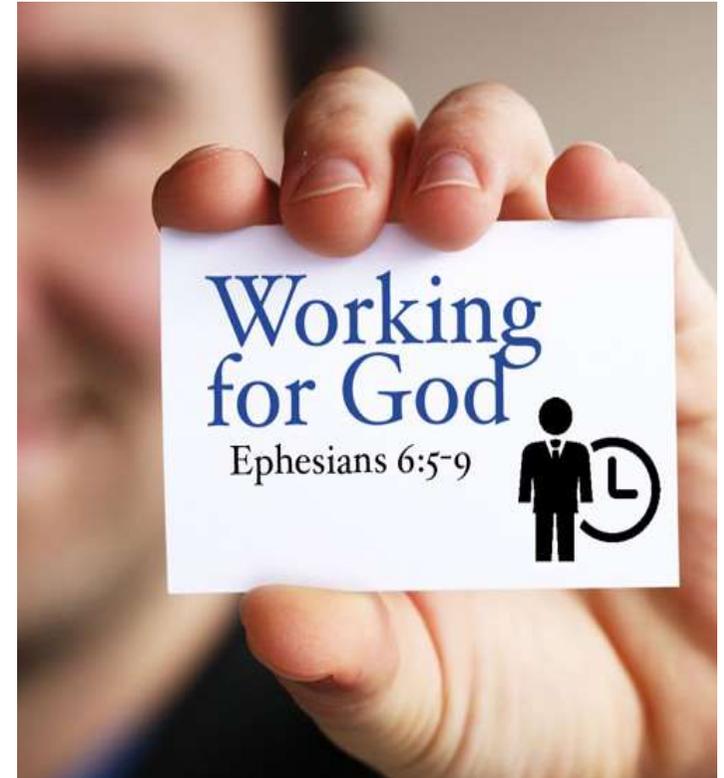
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### 3. Ambassador in the Market place

<sup>5</sup> Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, <sup>6</sup> not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, <sup>7</sup> rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man, <sup>8</sup> knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.

<sup>9</sup> Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.



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Look at our job performance, and test how well we really understand Christianity...

We'll look at **the who - the how - and the why** of our work.

1. **Who** do we work for? The answer might surprise you...

2. **How** should we do our work? Our attitude... And beyond just pocketing a paycheck - just feeding our family –

3. **Why** should we care about our work?

Answer these questions correctly, and you'll be well on the way to turning your work into worship!



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1. **Who** - for whom do we work?

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**In God's eyes you work for Jesus!**



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#### 2. **How** you work?

<sup>5</sup> ... with a sincere heart, as you would Christ,

<sup>6</sup> not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, Do our job with integrity, honesty, loyalty.

**You're working for Jesus!**

If your co-worker's only exposure to the power of Jesus is how it has motivated you in your work, what impression would they be left with? Would they see Christianity as an impotent, Sunday-only religion - or as a vital, dynamic unleashing of God's joy and power that reaches into all facets of life?



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### 3. Why we work...

<sup>8</sup> knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.

The real purpose for your business, or job, was NOT to make money. The reason you went to work each day - and your company existed - had nothing to do with money! The point was to influence people for Jesus.

**God wanted you as a witness in the workplace.**



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Justin Martyr



Our Lord urged us by patience and meekness to lead all from shame, and the lusts of evil - and many who have come in contact with us were changed from violent characters, either from having watched the constancy of their Christian neighbours or from doing business with Christians.

What a tremendous strategy... people drawn to Jesus - sinners converted... not by our preaching, but by our taking care of business! Imagine, customers, and vendors, and even creditors coming to know Jesus by the conduct of Christians in the marketplace?

A  
Community  
WITH GOD'S DNA



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**Every boss on earth has a boss in heaven!**

<sup>9</sup> Masters, do the same to them, and **stop your threatening**, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is **no partiality with him**.

Don't expect your employees to do more than you'd be willing to do yourself! Serve them with sincerity. Treat them with integrity. Care for them heartily.

**The great need today is for Christian doctors, secretaries, accountants, lawyers, carpenters, programmers, teachers, policemen, coaches, and executives...**

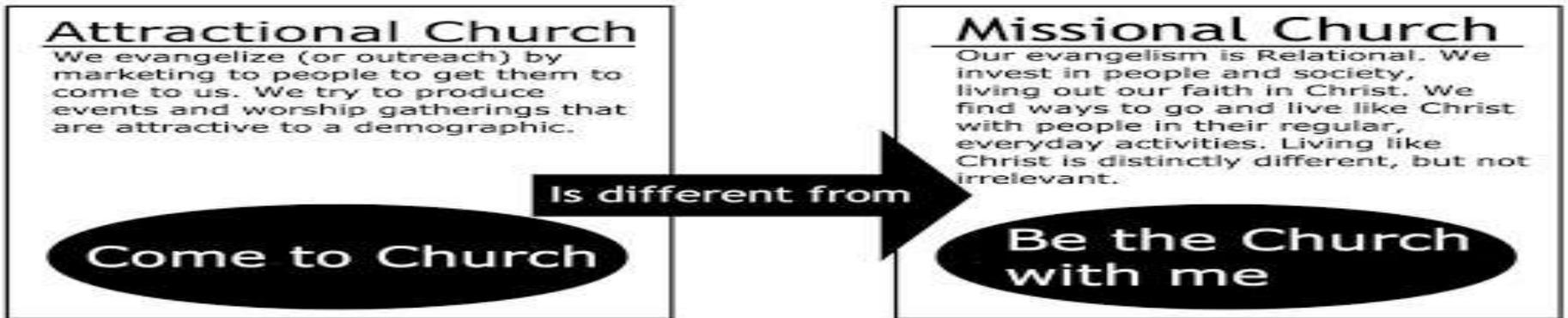
**folks who take Christ into the workplace!**

The most pressing need in the world today is for Christians to do their work **“as to Christ.”**



# 3. Ambassador in the Market place

<p>The Gathered For Worship &amp; Equipping</p> 	 <p>The Scattered Church For Service and Discipling the Community</p>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>SATURDAY</b></span>
Come to Church	Be the Church
I go to Church	I am the Church
Belonging (Becoming a Child of God)	Be (Sharing Christ, Christ likeness)



### 3. Ambassador in the Market place



Nos.	8 Priorities of a HEALTHY Church	
1.	People before Building	✓
2.	Generosity before Budgets	✓
3.	Ministry before Programs	✓
4.	Truth before Opinions	✓
5.	Followership before Leadership	✓
6.	Discipleship before Performance	✓
7.	Worship before Music	✓
8.	Health before Growth	✓



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What raises the ordinary to significance is  
**the dedication to  
the glory of God**  
of what we are and what we have.



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#### Joy or Job...Misery or Ministry

What's the difference?

If you're doing it because no one else will, it's a job.

If you're doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry.

If you're doing it because you have to, it's a job.

If you're doing it because you want to obey God, it's a ministry.

If you're doing it just well enough to get by, it's a job.

If you're doing it to the best of your ability, it's a ministry.

If you'd do it so long as it doesn't interfere with other activities, it's a job.

If you're committed to staying with it even when it means letting go of other things, it's a ministry.



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If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it's a job.

If you stay with it even though no one seems to notice, it's a ministry.

It's hard to get excited about a job.

It's almost impossible not to be excited about a ministry.

If your concern is "success", it's a job.

If your concern is faithfulness, it's a ministry.

Most Christian organizations have many people doing jobs.

A great organization is filled with people who are involved in a ministry.

If God calls you to a ministry, don't treat it like a job.

If you think of it as a job search your heart and make into a ministry.

**God doesn't want us feeling stuck with a job,  
but excited and faithful to Him in a ministry.**

(Adapted from an article written by Billy Joyce Fine)



God does not want you to  
try harder, He wants you to  
**Trust Him deeper.**

Stop trying. Start Trusting.  
This will change everything  
in you. Amen.

#IlovePsalms



# Just for a Laugh! A list of occupational hymns.

Builders might sing,	“How Firm A Foundation.”
Dentists hum,	“Crown Him With Many Crowns.”
Baseball Players sing,	“Seek Ye First.”
Electricians croon,	“Send The Light.”
Fishermen sing,	“Shall We Gather At The River.”
Astronaut like the song,	“Nearer My God, to Thee.”
Bakers are heard singing,	“I Need Thee Every Hour.”
News reporters,	“Pass It On.”
IRS agents,	“All To Thee I Owe.”
Politicians,	“Standing On the Promises.”
Optometrists like to sing,	“Open My Eyes.”
Purchasing agents,	“Sweet By and By.”
Stonecutters,	“Rock Of Ages.”
Tailors want to sing,	“Holy, Holy, Holy.”
Weathermen favor,	“Showers Of Blessing.”
And security guards like singing,	“Silent Night.”

