

**Training in God's Whole Counsel,
Emphasizing Growing in Christ-Likeness**

CHRISTIAN-LIFE RELATIONSHIP PRINCIPLES

**Becoming Mature in Christ-Likeness
By Learning to Live God's Best
In Biblical Head-Subordinate Relationships**



**Theme: Learning to walk as Christ walked.
1 John 2:6**

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PRAISE THE LORD

(Tune of Edelweiss)

**Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord.
Joy each day, He is bringing.
Praise the Lord, He is God.
Come Before Him with Singing.**

**We His people should praise His Name.
Always be thanksgiving.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord.
He is Faithful and Giving.**

PRAISE THE LORD

(Tune of Edelweiss)

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, Alleluia.

King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Praise His Name forever.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, Alleluia.



BASIC QUESTIONS

**If someone were to ask you these questions,
how would you answer them in depth?**

- 1. What is God's major purpose for putting us on the earth?**
- 2. How do we walk close to God and come to know Him?**
- 3. How do we become spiritually mature in Christ-likeness?**
- 4. How do we build godly families, living in unity?**
- 5. How do we solve spiritual relationship problems in our families?**
- 6. How do we walk by faith and live by love?**
- 7. How do we have purity and avoid immorality?**
- 8. How do we find God's work that He wants us to do?**
- 9. How do we train others to witness the Gospel?**
- 10. What do we do when things go wrong; how do we make corrections?**
- 11. What happens to us when we become Christians? Can we lose our salvation?**
- 12. What is the meaning of redemption & atonement for iniquity?**
- 13. What the biblical characteristics of God's choice for a husband and wife?**



THE BOTTOM LINE

Apart from us having mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living so we can know and relate to God toward His fullest throughout eternity, living holy and righteously in close fellowship with Him and each other, there is nothing. We must pay attention and cooperate with God to gain this spiritual ability.

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CHRISTIAN-LIFE RELATIONSHIPS BIBLE TRAINING COURSE CONTENT

CHRISTIAN-LIFE RELATIONSHIP PRINCIPLES

Introduction

Mature in Christ

Head-Subordinate Christian Relationships

Living by Faith

INTRODUCTION TO GOD'S PLAN FOR US

Are you now gaining the spiritual maturity in Christ-likeness that God has planned that we attain and is needed both for now, but especially for eternity?

Are you pursuing the work that God wants you to do?

Do you have a plan in place to pursue with excellence God's Plan for your life?



PURSUE GOD'S BEST

THINK IN TERMS OF DOING, HAVING, AND BECOMING GOD'S BEST, INSTEAD OF HIS GOOD

- 1. Train to know God, having an intimate walk with Him, instead of mainly learning and knowing the Bible**
- 2. Train to obey Scriptures from faith, love, and hope instead of from our intellect and objective thinking. Avoid idolatry and immorality with high commitment.**
- 3. Lead people (and ourselves) to help reach high skill levels of spiritual maturity in Christ, instead of mainly aiming at Christian growth.**
- 4. Become, have, & do what God wants, instead of mainly knowing what He wants. Train with God's Whole Counsel (a curriculum) instead of with some Bible teachings.**
- 5. Help Evangelize your entire area, instead of doing only some witnessing; but do it one person at a time – do on-the-way witnessing in divine appointments.**

THINK IN TERMS OF EXCELLENCE WITH GOD



THINK IN TERMS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

- * Study and write a doctrinal paper on each subject as it comes along to paint a facet of the diamond - eventually the diamond will form. Become an expert in the things of God.**
- * When the Bible teaches we should keep the commandments - then search them out, learn them, and keep them.**
- When the Bible teaches we should live by faith keeping God's promises, we should learn and memorize them, and apply them as the opportunity comes.**
- * Teach people both what to do and how to do things. Put people in a position to act.**
- * When the Bible teaches that we should walk by love, faith, and hope, study the entire Bible on how these are done, and live them out. Then write a doctrinal paper on the subject.**
- * As you learn things, put them in the perspective of walking with and having a relationship with God and in His plan to take us to maturity in Christ.**



OUR THINKING MUST CHANGE TO THAT OF GOD'S

If we are to gain God's plan for us, we must by necessity change our thinking to that of the Bible to responsive living to God – no longer use our own ideas.

We must avoid taking any independent initiative for direction than that described in the Bible. This must be learned and practiced. We can use our gifts and abilities by faith, love, and hope to carry out that direction.

We must think in terms of applying God's principles, claiming God's promises, and keeping God's commandments in every area of life (this assumes that we know them).

When we have problems in our lives and families, we should understand that we can be breaking God's spiritual relationship laws or that we are to grow spiritually in a specific area and/or He has a job for us to do.



FOUR COMMITMENTS

- 1. Go All The Way With God Whether Or Not Anyone Else Does. (Hebrews 12:1-2)**
- 2. Use Only The Bible For Faith And Life's Direction. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)**
- 3. Present Yourself Daily To God As A Living Sacrifice And Instrument Of Righteousness; Allow God To Arrange And Direct Your Day & Life. (Romans 6:13; 12:1)**
- 4. Confess Your Sin To God Before Going To Sleep Each Night - You May Also Say The Lord's Prayer. Restore any broken fellowships as soon as you can. (Matthew 6:8-13; Ephesians 4:26; 1 John 1:9)**



SOW AND REAP PRINCIPLE

SOW GREATLY TOWARD GOD

We can only reap in the amount and in the direction that we sow. (2 Corinthians 9:6; Galatians 6:7-9)

DO NOT BE DOUBLE MINDED

We cannot serve God and mammon (riches) or two masters, and we should not try to please both God and self. (Matthew 6: 24; James 1:6-8)



STEPS FOR LEARNING AND GROWING

- 1. Work under a master teacher; listen to good teachers; prepare doctrinal papers (Include tapes, books, seminars, sermons, talks)**
- 2. Read several chapters of your Bible daily. Read about the lives of saints.**
- 3. Pray about all relationships daily.**
- 4. Restore any lost fellowships daily with God and people.**
- 5. Live under head-subordinate relationships; live your role. Place yourself under authority and please head in all things. See and examine all things in terms of our relationship to God and His purposes for us.**
- 6. Study commandments daily and keep them.**
- 7. Let head work all things together for good.**
- 8. Listen to teachers with perspective to teach same material to others.**
- 9. Practice living by faith and love; witness regularly.**
- 10. Get into a Bible Training & discussion group that wants to seriously walk with God and accomplish His work.**



**SEE LIFE IN TERMS OF RELATIONSHIPS
AND BEING A LOVE SERVANT TO GOD AND OTHERS**

*** See All Of Life In Terms Of Relationships
And Areas Of Responsibility And Accountability
To Those Relationships As A Love Service**

- GOD
- SPOUSE, PARENTS
- FAMILY, RELATIVES
- EMPLOYER, EMPLOYEES
- FRIENDS, CHURCH PEOPLE
- WORLD PEOPLE

*** See Everything Else In Terms Of Logistic
Support To Those Relationships In Loving
Support**

- NEEDS OF LIFE
- JOB, FINANCIAL, COLLEGE
- HEALTH, LOCATION
- METHODS, BOOKS, SEMINARS
- BUILDINGS, MINISTRIES
- FINANCES, INVESTMENTS

*** Do Not Look At Life As Serving Self By Being Something,
Having Things Or Doing Things**

- MANAGER, BOSS. HEAD
- IMPORTANT, PRESTIGE
- GREATNESS, BEAUTIFUL
- POSITION, OFFICE
- WEALTH, COMFORT, SAFETY
- KNOWLEDGE, MATERIALISM, HOUSES
- HAVING SEX, FUN, RECREATION
- WATCHING TV OR SPORTS
- TRAVELING, SKIING



PRAY AND LIVE BY PRIORITY RELATIONSHIPS

**BASED ON ACTS 1:8
AND
HEAD- SUBORDINATE
RELATIONSHIP
TEACHINGS**

Called Ministries

- 1. Family
- ② Local Church
- 3. Neighborhood
- 4. Community
- 5. Area, County
- 6. State
- 7. Country
- 8. World

PRIORITY RELATIONSHIPS

- 1. God, Christ
- 2. Spouse, Parents
- 3. Children, Brothers, Sisters
- 4. Job, College, Training, School
Financial Support
- ⑤ People In Called Ministries
- 6. Close Friends And Relatives
- 7. Church Fellowship And Church Friends
- 8. Casual Friends, The World, People
On The Job And At School

Local Church

- 1. Staff, Leaders, Elders
- 2. Disciples, Workers, Deacons
- 3. Church Fellowship
- 4. Witnessing And Evangelism
Outside The Church

1Timothy 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.



SUMMARY: GOD'S GOALS FOR RESPONDING PEOPLE

Objective - We Reach High-Skill Spiritual Ability in Christ-Likeness for Now & Especially for Eternity

- **Benefit-Purpose** - So We Can Know & Relate to God In His Depth, live love sacrificial lives, live holy & righteous lives, according to perfect Truth in True Fellowship with Him and Each Other; Needed for now & in eternity.
- **Cost** – Learn, Train & Live out these lives now in the trials and testings of life for developing and proving spiritual ability in us
- **Time** - Lifetime

**Apart From Knowing and Relating to God in His Depth,
According to His Perfect Truth, There Is Nothing.**



PURPOSE OF THIS DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

GOAL: To know God intimately, live under His Kingdom authority in holiness, and relate to Him and each other using His righteousness and character qualities, toward the fullest, with excellence.

METHOD - HELP TRAIN WITH GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS TO:

1. Grow toward becoming mature in the full stature and fullness of Christ

Ephesians 4:12-13 - for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Colossians 1:28 And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Christ.

2. Be involved in area-wide evangelism – do God's work

Mark 16:15 - And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation (Entire local areas).



BIBLE TRAINING PURPOSE

GOD'S PURPOSE:

That We Become the Person That Has a High-Skill Mature Spiritual Ability in Christ-Likeness So That We Can Know and Relate to God Intimately and In-Depth, and Live Holy & Righteous lives Under His Kingdom Authority & Holy Spirit.

OUR PURPOSE:

That We Accomplish God's Purpose by Learning In-Depth and In-Breadth with God's Whole Counsel to: (1) Glorify God; (2) Living a Godly Life in Relationship Living; and (3) Accomplish His Work That Includes Discipling to Maturity and Doing Area-Wide Evangelism (Christ's Great Commission).



GOD'S PURPOSE

To Implement God's purpose for us, He wants us to:

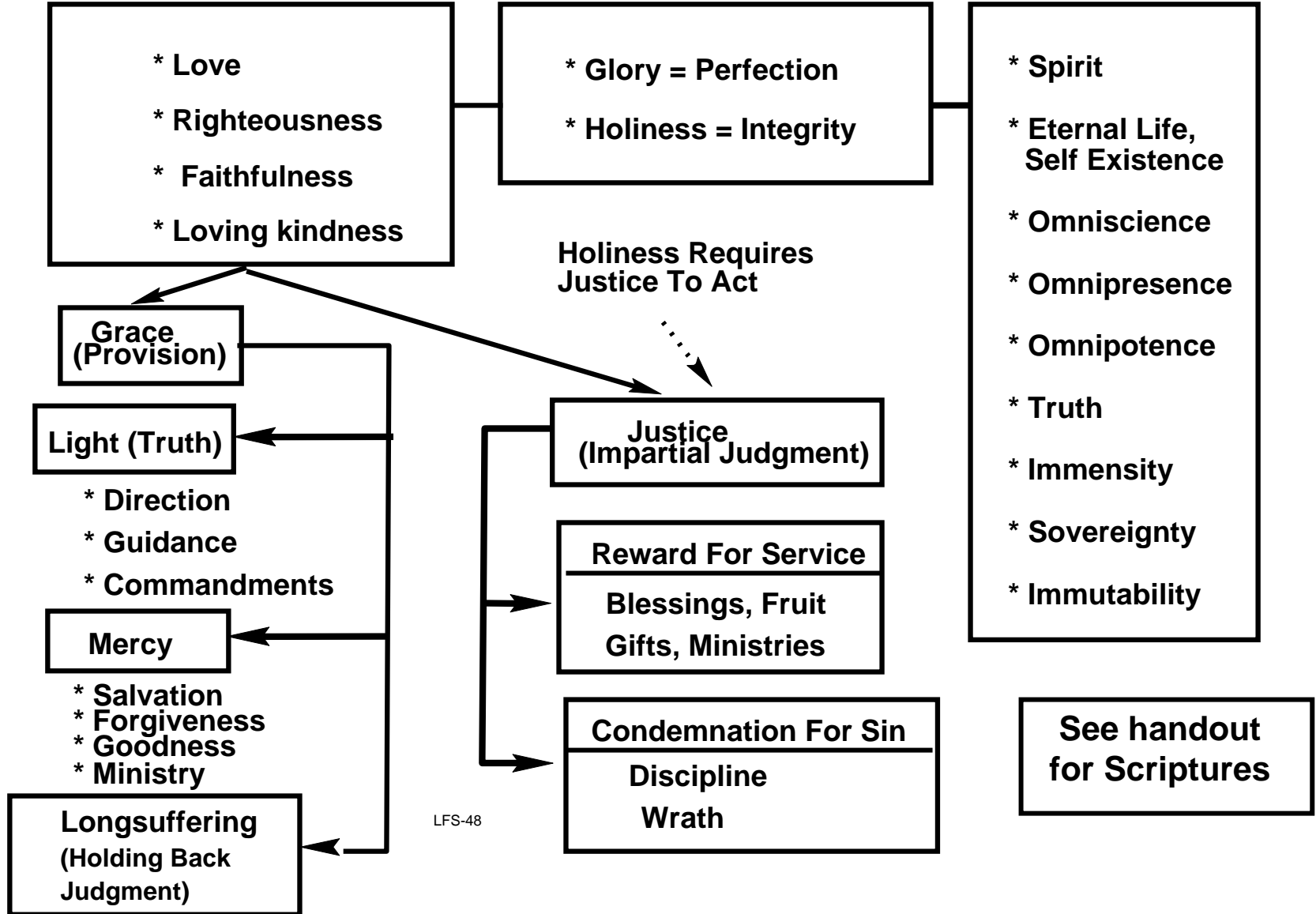
- 1. Glorify, worship, honor, obey, please, and know God***
- 2. Live a godly life in relationship living using love, faith, and hope in holiness and righteousness under the Holy Spirit, fellowshiping with God and with each other. Have a life that actually trusts God to work all things together for our ultimate good.***
- 3. Help accomplish God's work of evangelism, discipleship, planting churches, and reaching out to the needy, being there for each other***
- 4. Build godly families in unity***
- 5. Stand strong in the faith on Christian doctrines***
- 6. Know God's Plan over history to become mature in Christ, understand the spiritual warfare, and what to expect as the future unfolds***

**GOD'S GOAL;
OF BECOMING
MATURE IN CHRIST**

**First, Learn Who God is by
Knowing His Attributes**



GOD THE FATHER'S ATTRIBUTES





GOD'S OBJECTIVE IS THAT WE BECOME MATURE IN CHRIST

Romans 8:29 - to become conformed to the image of His Son

***Ephesians 4:13 - to a mature man, to the measure of the stature
which belongs to Christ.***

Colossians 1:28 - present every man complete in Christ.

Hebrews 6:1 - let us press on to maturity

***James 1:2-4 - various trials that you may be perfect and complete,
lacking in nothing.***

See also Galatians 4:19; Philippians 3:8-15; 1 Peter 1:6-7

**Because becoming mature is commanded, we have no choice
but to pursue it. We should do this with commitment and with
excellence.**

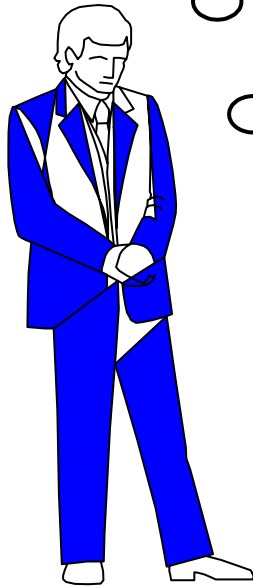


BENEFITS FROM GOD BY BECOMING MATURE IN CHRIST

- **Know the infinite-perfect God intimately & live under His authority in intimate relationship**
- **Live by resurrection power in love, faith, and hope**
- **Praise & worship God in great richness**
- **Fellowship with & relate to God in closeness**
- **Live a most holy, righteous & godly life**
- **Have great commitment to obey God & do His work**
- **Have great sacrificial love to serve God and each other**
- **Have great joy from walking with God**
- **Live according to perfect truth without error or sin**



BECOMING SPIRITUALLY MATURE IN CHRIST- LIKENESS



**Where and
How Do
We Begin?**



Hebrews 6:1
***Therefore leaving the
elementary teaching
about the Christ, let us
press on to maturity,***



OVERALL THEME AND GENERAL DIRECTION OF OUR TRAINING (1 of 2)

1 John 2:6 - the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

How Did He Walk?

John 5:19 - Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

John 14:10 - "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.

John 8:28 - Jesus therefore said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.

**Christ only did what came from God the Father as a source.
Relationship Living in the Servant Role.**



OVERALL THEME AND GENERAL DIRECTION OF OUR TRAINING (2of 2)

1 John 2:6 - the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

How Did He Walk

Philippians 2:5-8 - Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

John 17:4 - "I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.

**Christ accomplished the work the Father gave His to do,
regardless of the cost. Relationship Living in the Servant Role**



MEASURE OF OUR SPIRITUAL ABILITY

**The Lord Jesus Christ, with God the Father,
is Our Only Role Model**

1 John 2:6 - the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

The degree of our spiritual ability in Christ-likeness is measured by God as to how we respond to the leading of God in every aspect in life in comparison to how Christ, being perfect, would respond, if He were to act in our place.

If we are to become mature in Christ, we must learn and be trained in godly head-subordinate relationships



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

The degree that we respond to God to learn and implement His ways and Truth depends upon:

- **Our view of God for who and what He is – the degree we realize about His absolute perfection – the great respect we have for Him and His perfect character qualities and attributes – no darkness or sin of any kind**
- **The value we place on knowing God and relating to Him.**
- **The value we place on living holy and righteously**
- **The understanding that this lifetime is chosen for us to become mature in Christ for the sake of knowing and relating to God in His depth and breadth in eternity**
- **The thankfulness of the privilege we have been given - to exist and become Christians so that we can know God and relate to Him in a personal way**
- **The commitment we have to learn and apply the Bible – we must so 90% toward God if we are to reap 90% toward God**



HAVE CLEAR DISTINCTION BETWEEN TWO POWER SYSTEMS FOR LIVING

Kingdom of God

**(Live by Love As the Power of Living in Relationship Living –
Only Christians are in the Kingdom of God)**

We trust God, not ourselves, to work all things together for good, and we live to become, have, and so what He wants in all aspects and relationships in life. We live the servant role under His authority in divine life as we live.

Dominion of Satan

**Live by the Power of Fear as power in Independent Living – All
Unbelievers are in the Dominion of Satan**

We act like the Most High God using the knowledge of good and evil to work all things together for our good ourselves to become, have, and do what we want. We believe if we do not do this our needs will not be met. We live the god role independent of God's authority experiencing death as we live.

As Christians we can live by either power system.

**INTRODUCTION TO:
GODLY LIVING IN
HEAD-SUBORDINATE
RELATIONSHIPS**



THE LORD JESUS LIVED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE FATHER

The Lord Jesus took no initiative, always living under the authority and direction of the Father. We are to do the same, living under their authority in a head-subordinate relationship with them.

John 5:19 - Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

John 5:30 - "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 12:49 - "For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me commandment, what to say, and what to speak.



OBSERVATION: ALL THINGS COME THROUGH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

All that God the Father has done in a positive manner for mankind and angels, for heaven and earth, He has done through the person of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 8:6

... There is but one God the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom are all things, and we through Him.



THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Colossians 1:13-20

(13) For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

(14) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(15) And He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation.

(16) For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created by Him and for Him.

(17) And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

(18) He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.

(19) For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fulness to dwell in Him,

(20) and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.



THE FAITHER AND CHRIST WALKED IN ROLE HEAD-SUBORDINATE RELATIONSHIPS

HEAD

THE FATHER LIVES THE GOD ROLE

FATHER

Source
Of all
Actions
Of the Son

The works show
The Father is in the Son
And the Son in the Father.
Father and Son are in
perfect unity.

Keeps commandments
And does the will of
The Father

Does the Father's work

Son

Subordinate

The Son lives the servant role

Son: Life and action are identical to the Father's

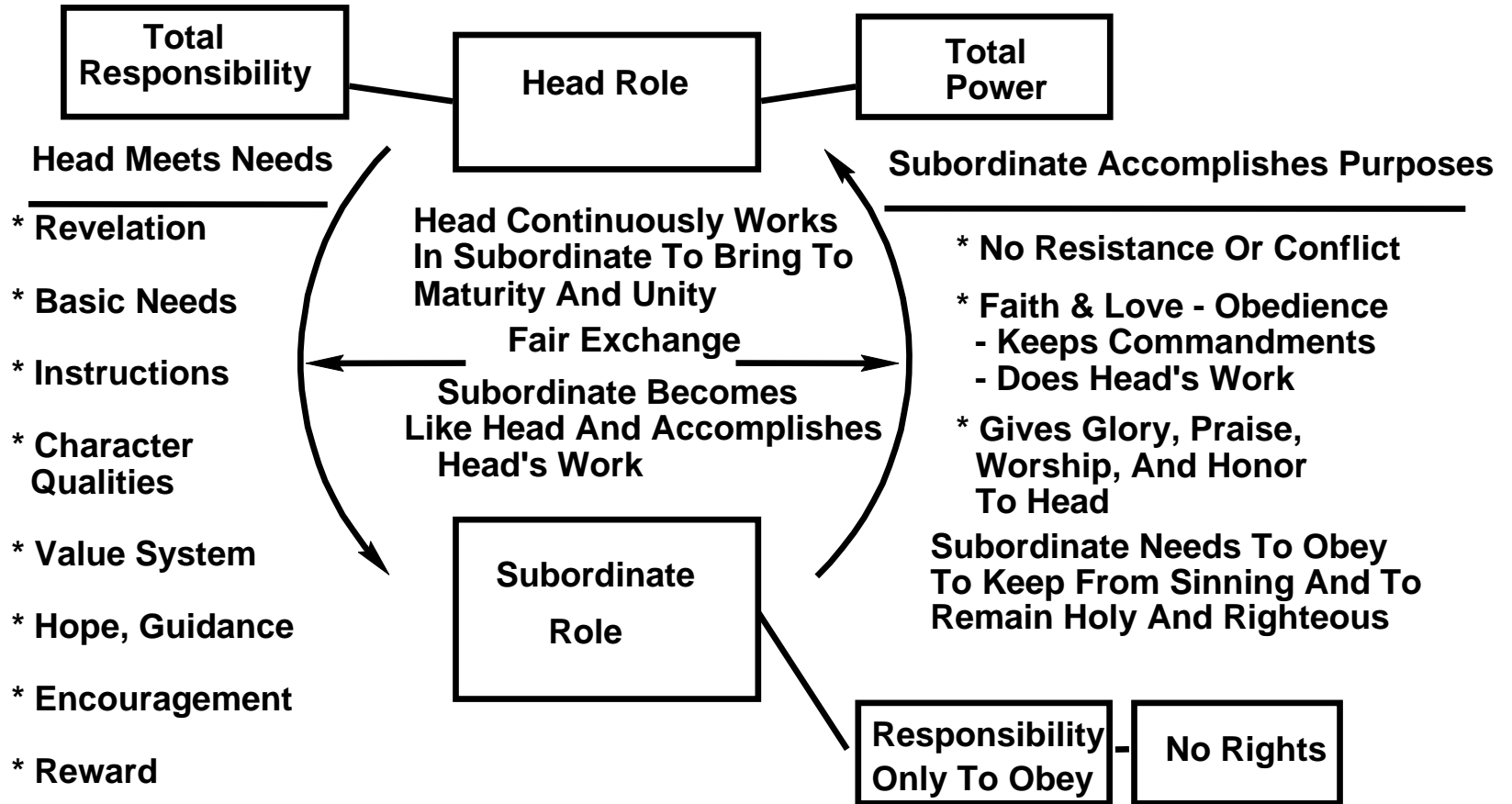
Perfect observer:

Cannot distinguish any difference between
The life and actions of the Father and the Son



PRINCIPLES OF HEAD-SUBORDINATE RELATIONSHIPS

BASIS FOR LIVING IS LOVE AND GOD'S CHARACTER QUALITIES





PRINCIPLES OF HEAD-SUBORDINATE RELATIONSHIPS

BASIS FOR LIVING IS LOVE AND GOD'S CHARACTER QUALITIES

Actions of the Head and Subordinate are the Same; Head Goes Into Subordinate

Total Responsibility

Head Meets Needs;
Providing Directions:
and Leads in Everything;
Acts in Grace, Mercy,
Longsuffering; Love

- * Revelation
- * Basic Needs
- * Instructions
- * Character Qualities
- * Nourishes and Cherishes
- * Value System
- * Hope, Guidance
- * Encouragement
- * Reward
- * Never Stops Working in Subordinate

Head Role
Works Things All Together for Good

Head Continuously Works In Subordinate To Bring To Maturity And Unity

Fair Exchange

Subordinate Becomes Like Head And Accomplishes Head's Work

Subordinate Role
Sacrificial Love Servant

Responsive Obedience;
No Room for Own Ideas;
Knows God's Attributes
Knows God's Greatness

Total Power

Subordinate Accomplishes Purposes Under Testings and Spiritual Warfare

- * No Resistance Or Conflict
- * Faith - Obedience; Promises - Love -Keeps Commandments - Does Head's Work
- * Gives Glory, Praise, Respect Worship, And Honor To Head

Subordinate Needs To Obey To Keep From Sinning And To Remain Holy And Righteous
Does not know all things

Responsibility Only To Obey

No Rights

Attitude: Humble, Thankful,
Lose Life, Deny Self, Grateful

God: Perfect Attributes & Character Qualities



WE ARE TO WALK IN ROLE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER

HEAD

The Father Lives The Ultimate God and Head Role
Father

Father Is Source
Of All Actions
For Believers
Through the Son

The Works Show
The Father/Christ Are In
The Believer And The
Believer In Them

Keeps Commandments
And Does The Will Of
The Father

Does The Father's Work
(This Is Christ's Work
For The Believer)

**Believer
Subordinate**

The Believer Lives The Servant Role to the Father and Son

(This Role Must Be Learned, Developed, Tested, And Proven)

Believer

Life And Action Are Identical To The Father's

Perfect Observer:

Cannot Distinguish Any Difference Between
The Life And Actions Of The Father Through
the Son And The Believer



RESULTS OF PERFECT HEAD-SUBORDINATE RELATIONSHIPS

1. **Head and subordinate are in unity relationship where the subordinate becomes like the head.**
 - **A perfect observer can not determine any difference between their thoughts and actions; they are the same.**
 - **They live in perfect fellowship with joint participation.**
2. **Subordinate is trained, proven, and becomes mature in the head.**
3. **Work of head gets accomplished.**
4. **Subordinate receives the fruit of the head's spirit and work and lives by the head's character qualities.**
5. **Subordinate receives delegated responsibilities and rewards when proven and when tasks are complete – the cross (obedience to death) comes before the crown (reward).**
6. **Obedience from love is the power in these relationships.**



EXAMPLES OF SUBORDINATE BECOMING LIKE HEAD

Subordinate Becomes Like the Head When:

Learning to play the violin

Learning to fly an airplane

Learning a technical trade.

Learning to be a father

Learning to become a teacher

Learning to drive a car

These are modulated by the gifts that God gives a person.



GOD'S HEAD-SUBORDINATE CHAIN OF COMMAND

**Father God
is Head**

**The Lord
Jesus is
Subordinate**

**The Lord
Jesus is
Head**

1 Corinthians 11:3 - But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

**The Church
is
Subordinate**

**The Husband
is
Subordinate**

**The Husband
is Head**

Ephesians 6:1 - Children, obey your parents in the Lord,

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church,

**The Wife is
Subordinate**

**The Wife is
Head**

**The Children
Are
Subordinate**



CASE STUDY - APPLY SCRIPTURE'S PRINCIPLES

If your children are regularly misbehaving, what could be the situation?

Are your children misbehaving you if you do not give them instructions?

John 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

John 15:10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

1 John 4:19 We love, because He first loved us.

Romans 5:13 but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

Romans 7:7-8 I would not have come to know sin except through the Law“ for apart from the Law sin is dead.

**MAIN ISSUES IN
BIBLICAL HEAD-
SUBORDINATE
RELATIONSHIPS**



THE MAJOR ISSUE IN GAINING MATURITY

**Who works all things together for good in our lives?
- God or ourselves?**

1. If we try to get everything under our control such that we work all things together for good, we sin because we have no inherent righteousness or perfect attributes.

**- We will do this if we are enamored with ourselves and our abilities; we think that we can do it.
(We may have to do this by default!)**

2. We must train to allow God to work all things together for good by our faith because He alone has inherent righteousness and perfect attributes. This is the only way for us to live without sin.

- We must have respect for God as the only one who can do it. If we do, then we will learn to live by His ways.



Necessary Walk to Become Mature in Christ and to Live Holy & Righteously

Servant Role – God is in Charge; All Things and Real Time Direction Come From Him as a Source

We must live trusting God to be God so that He works all things together for our eternal good, such that we become, have, and do what he wants. We do not sin because God is inherently righteous and holy, and He sees the whole picture.

God Role – We Attempt to Take Charge – Be Our Own Boss; Things & Direction Come From Us as a Source

We must not live trusting ourselves, acting like the Most High God, to work all things together for our eternal good, such that we become, have, and do what we want. We do this believing we can or by default, not having learned to trust God – or both. We sin because we are inherently unrighteous and cannot see the whole picture.



BOTH SATAN AND MAN SINNED BECAUSE THEY ACTED LIKE THE MOST HIGH GOD

Both Satan with the evil angels & man sinned & received depraved natures because they wanted & acted to be equal with the Most High God, not understanding the perfection of God & their inability to live righteously & holy without sin. They wanted to become, have, and do what they wanted. They wanted to be in charge of their lives.

MAN - Genesis 3:4-7 - (4)And the serpent said to the woman, "You surely shall not die! (5)GEN 3:5 "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (6) When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. (7) Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

SATAN - Isaiah 14:12-14 – (12) "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! (13) "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.(14) 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'

Ezekiel 28:15-18 – (18) "You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created, Until unrighteousness was found in you. (16) "By the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence, And you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire. (17) "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, That they may see you. (18) By the multitude of your iniquities, In the unrighteousness of your trade, You profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I have brought fire from the midst of you; It has consumed you, And I have turned you to ashes on the earth In the eyes of all who see you.



KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT

Kingdom of God & Light

- Based on Relationships
- Servant Role; a faith system
- Believes God is great
- Lives under God's authority
- Lives by God's righteousness
- Trusts God to work all for good
- Responds to Holy Spirit
- Become, Have, & Do what God wants from love
- Grows toward spiritual maturity
- Involved in God's work

Dominion of Satan & Darkness

- Based on knowledge of good & evil
- God role; a works system
- Believes man is great
- Lives as own authority
- Lives by own value system
- Trust self to work all for good
- Responds to one's own values
- Become, Have, & Do what man wants from fear & desire
- Remains spiritually immature
- Involved in personal endeavors



We Must Allow God to Work All Things Together for Our Ultimate Good

Romans 8:28 - And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God (those who keep His commandments), to those who are called according to His purpose (those who do His work).

John 4:34 - Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me (includes keeping God's commandments), and to accomplish His work.

John 15:10 - "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

John 17:4 - "I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.



GOD'S METHOD BY WHICH WE BECOME MATURE IN CHRIST

1. **Exalt God and Know Him** (This includes praising, honoring, worshipping, glorifying, obeying, pleasing, loving, and fellowshiping, etc..) (Psalm 150; Matthew 22:37-38; John 4:23; 15:10; Acts 5:29; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 1:9-11, 18; Hebrews 11:6.)
2. **Live a Godly Life** (This includes living by faith, love, and hope, in head-subordinate relationships, serving God and each other, fellowshiping with God and with each other, and having love and compassion for others.) (Psalm 150; Matthew 6:33; 22:39; Mark 16:15; John 14:15; 15:10; Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 11:3; 13:13; Ephesians 5:18-20; Hebrews 11:6; 1 John 2:6; 3:2-3.)
3. **Accomplish God's Work** (This includes evangelism, discipleship, building godly families, training faithful people, planting churches, and reaching out to the needy.) Matthew 28:16-20; Acts; Romans 10:13-15; 1 Corinthians 3:6, 10-15; 12; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; 9:10-15; Galatians 6:2; Ephesians 5:21-6:4; 1 Thessalonians 1:3, 8; 2 Timothy 2:1-2; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 3:16-18.)

***We Need To Learn and Apply the Principles
That Accomplish These Requirements***



PLAN OF GOD FOR MAN

Goal Oriented: Train To Do God's Will and Work

We are to live in relationships patterned after Christ's Relationship with the Father

God's Purpose

1. Become mature in Christ to know God intimately and in depth

Our Purpose

1. Glorify God 2. Live godly life
3. Do God's work 4. Learn Doctrine

Result

Praise; Unity; Faith; Love; Hope; Promises; Principles; Commandments

DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, AND PROVING ENVIRONMENT

Life Situations, Ministries, Trials, Testings, Temptations, Persecutions, Sufferings, Spiritual Warfare



GOD'S BOTTOM LINE FOR US

God is inherently perfect, holy, righteous, and true

Requirement: Know and Praise God and Live Righteous and Holy Lives to God

Requires: High-Skill Mature Spiritual Ability in Christ-Likeness using a divine nature

Requires: Justice for sin satisfied and receiving new divine nature that does not sin

Christ provides both: Believing in Christ as Savior; receive justice and new divine nature

Requires us being trained in-depth to glorify God, live a godly life, and accomplish God's work in head-subordinate relationships

Apart from knowing God there is nothing

GOD'S PLAN AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE

BRING PEOPLE TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY IN TESTING ENVIRONMENT

LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY

- Exalt God
- Live Godly Life
- Do God's Work

ROMANS 8:28 FAITH-PROCESS

Faith: Trust God
Love: Obey God
Purpose: God's Work

PRINCIPLES

- Fellowship
- Redemptive Work
- Witness Gospel
- Sacrificial Service
- Sow and Reap
- Promises
- Commandments
- Love Qualities

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

Head-Subordinate Relationships

HEAD-SUBORDINATE RELATIONSHIPS

Concept

HEAD-SUBORDINATE RELATIONSHIPS

Implementation

TESTING AND DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT

- Trials, Testings
- Persecutions
- Temptations

TWO POWER SYSTEMS IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Power Systems

- God's Kingdom
- Satan's Dominion

Tests

- Servant Role
- God Role

TWO POWER SYSTEMS IN OPERATION

God's Kingdom
Satan's Dominion
Testings, Strategies

PROGRAM AND CRITERIA FOR ENDING HISTORY

- God's Sovereignty
- Men's and Angels' Wills

REQUIREMENTS

- 6000 Years
- Elect Believe
- Elect Do Works
- Power Over Death

MEANS

Dispensations

- Gentile
- Jewish
- Church

Pattern Sequence



OUR LEVEL OF MATURITY MAY BE FIXED AT DEATH

Strong Possibility - *The maturity that we have at death we will most likely have for eternity without the possibility of improvement - even though we will gain increased knowledge. There is no Scripture that teaches either way, so we cannot know for sure. What if it is?*

In eternity - The testing environment of the world, flesh, and the devil is not allowed in heaven and *all of Biblical History* leads to this one result of reaching spiritual ability in Christ-Likeness in order to know and relate to God.

There will be no sin or the curse of God in the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:27; 22:3). Satan and the evil angels will be in the Lake of Fire. (Revelation 20:10).

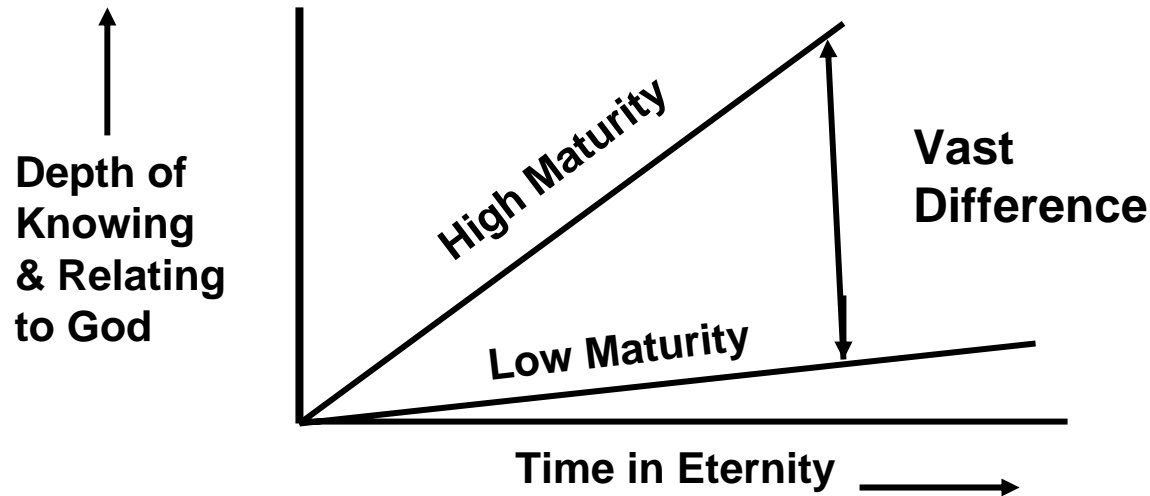
Now is the time for salvation (2 Corinthians 6:12).

We must pursue becoming mature in Christ with excellence because this pursuit is commanded. *If we do not, it can be a most terrible mistake, because it can limit our knowing and relating to God throughout all eternity. God may use our spiritual ability in eternity in a different way than we can know now.*



THE POSSIBLE PENALTY FOR NOT ADEQUATELY PURSUING SPIRITUAL ABILITY, IF IT IS FIXED AT DEATH

Should We Not Pursue Spiritual Maturity With Excellence? (What Value to You Place on Knowing God?)



Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

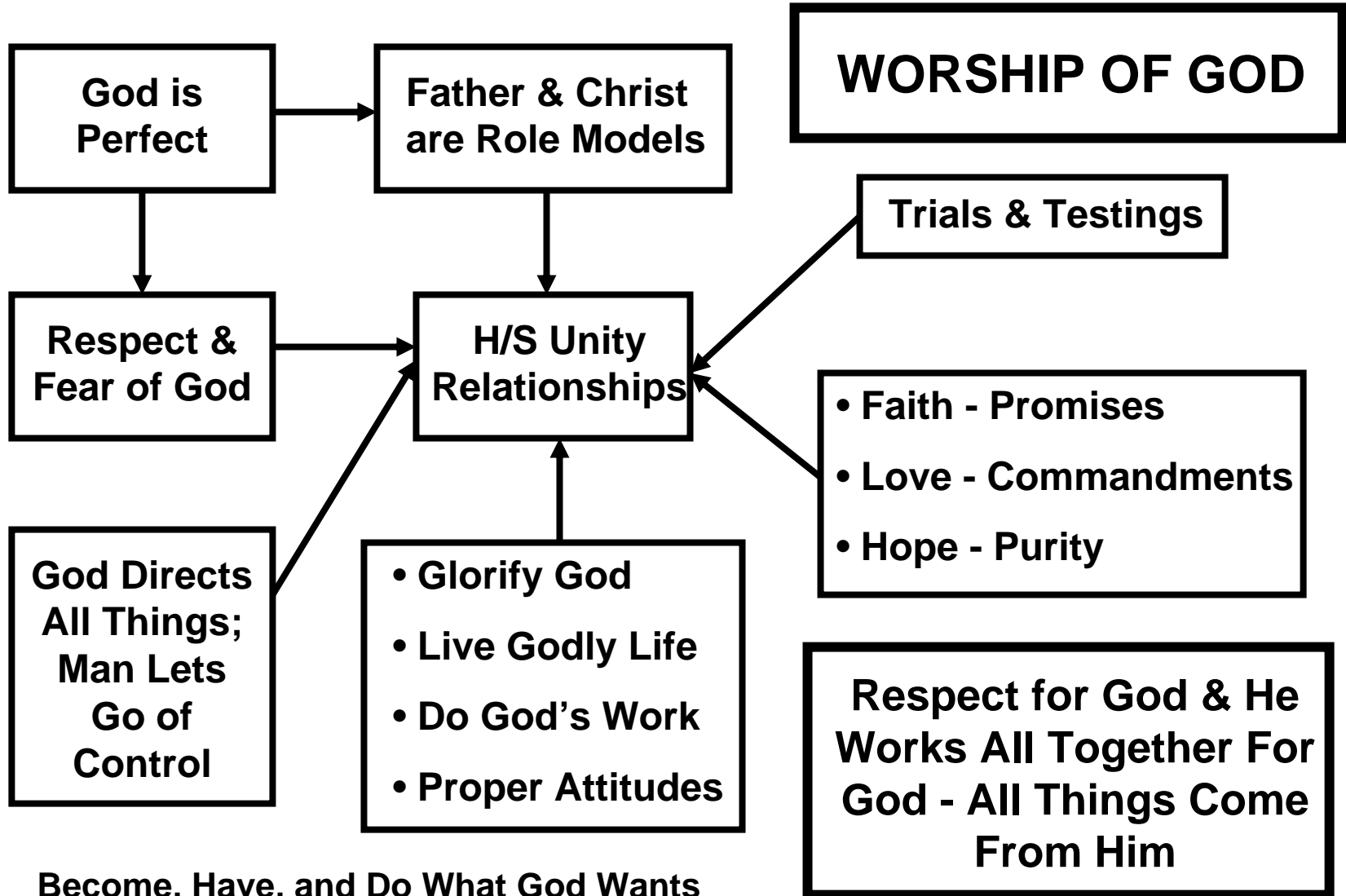
Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity,

We cannot be sure this understanding is correct, but what if it is? Should we not pursue maturity in spiritual ability because it is commanded – We must hedge about being wrong, if we believe otherwise.

(There is no Scripture that teaches our mature spiritual ability in Christ-likeness can increase in eternity or that we will all have the same maturity.)

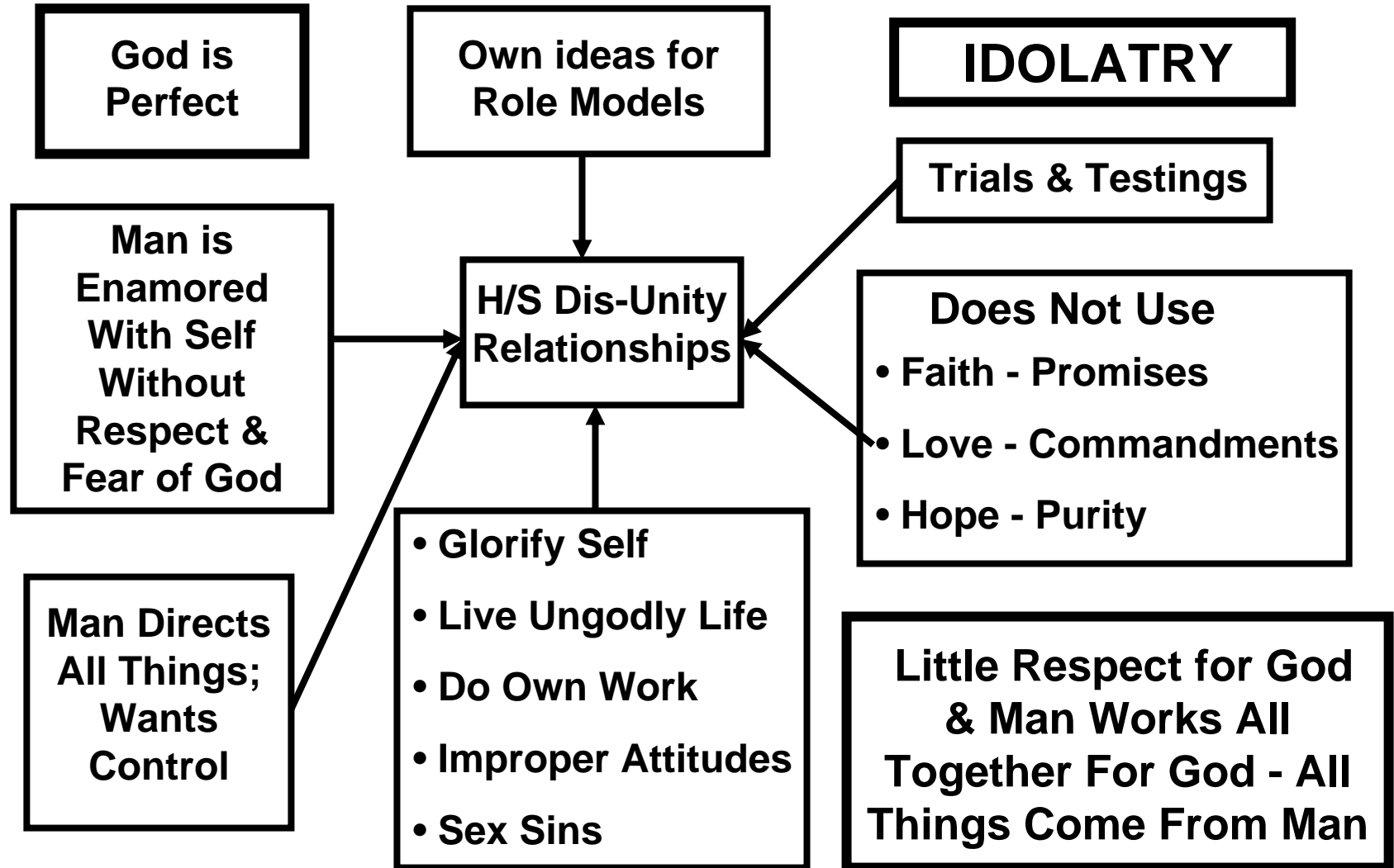


PATHWAY TO BECOMING MATURE IN CHRIST-LIKENESS





PATHWAY TO SIN AND UNHOLINESS WITHOUT MATURITY IN CHRIST



Become, Have, and Do What We Want



Three Groups of Christians

Group One: The Few That Want To Do the Most to Become Mature in Christ and to be Involved in God's Work (Our Visionary Leaders and Mature Teachers Come From This Group.)

Group Two: The Many Who Faithfully Follow Christ and Are Continually Involved in God's Work - This Group is the Foundation of the Church (Our Managers and Workers Come From This Group)

Group Three: People Who Have Settled In and Are Comfortable Where They Are. They Enjoy Their Salvation and Fellowships, But They take a Laid Back Position, Not wanting much involvement - They Are Watchers.

Our Objective is to Work Mostly With Groups One and Two; and To Encourage Group Three; Provide Basic Training and Materials For Those (Such as New Christians) Who Want To Catch Up With Those In Groups One and Two.

- * We Must Take Care of Our Own or We Have Denied the Faith.**
- * We Must Work With Groups One and Two if the Work of the Great Commission is to be Accomplished.**

SUMMARY OF HEAD- SUBORDINATE RELATIONSHIPS



**THE RELATIONSHIP ACTS OF GOD THE FATHER (AS HEAD)
TOWARD THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (AS SUBORDINATE)**

(1 of 4)

- 1. All authority is from God (Romans 13:1).**
- 2. God the Father does not change (Malachi 3:6). He always acts the same way toward everyone.**
- 3. God the Father owns everything on earth (1 Corinthians 10:26). The Son belongs to the Father (1 Corinthians 3:23).**
- 4. All things come from God the Father (through the Lord Jesus Christ) (1 Corinthians 8:6).**
- 5. The Father gives everything, including commandments, to the Son to carry out (John 3:35; 12:49, 50; 14:31).**



- 6. The Father loves the Son and shows Him what the Father is doing (John 3:35; John 5:19, 20; 15:9 [and also Amos 3:7]). The Father took the lead in all actions in the relationship.**

- 7. The Father taught the Son (John 8:28).**

- 8. The Father sends the Son and does not leave Him alone, but stays with Him through all the endeavors (John 8:29).**

- 9. The Father's Word is truth, and we are to it live out (Matthew 4:3, 4; John 17:17).**

- 10. The Father gives instructions to the Son for what He is to do in temptations before the temptations come (Matthew 4:3, 4).**



**THE RELATIONSHIP ACTS OF GOD THE FATHER (AS HEAD)
TOWARD THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (AS SUBORDINATE)
(3 of 4)**

- 11. The Father sends the Son to do the Father's work (John 3:17; 4:34; 8:42; 17:3).**

- 12. Only God the Father is good (Matthew 19:17; Mark 10:18; Luke 18:19).**

- 13. God the Father is love and love does not act selfishly (1 John 4:8 together with I Corinthians 13:5).**

- 14. The Father glorifies the Son in His obedience (John 8:54).**



**THE RELATIONSHIP ACTS OF GOD THE FATHER (AS HEAD)
TOWARD THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (AS SUBORDINATE)
(4 of 4)**

- 15. The Father and Son have an intimate relationship of the character and leading of the Father in the Son as He works in the Son that the Son carries out (John 10:36-38; 14:10).**

- 16. The Father highly exalts the Son because of the Son's obedience, even to death on the Cross — all creatures are to call Him Lord (Philippians 2:6-11).**

- 17. Because of the Son's obedience, God the Father extended delegated authority by giving all power in heaven and in earth to the Son. He ruled over all nations, all powers, of both angels and mankind, both in this age and the one to come. (Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:21-23; 1 Peter 3:22)**



**THE RELATIONSHIP ACTS OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (AS
SUBORDINATE) TOWARD GOD THE FAATHER (AS HEAD)
(1 of 5)**

- 1. The Lord Jesus Christ acted as if He could not be a head; that such a position was not available to Him. As a result, He emptied Himself of self will and became a bondservant to God the Father and was obedient to the will of the Father, even to death, even to the death of the Cross. In everything, the Son was submissive to the will of the Father. In His youth, He had to learn obedience. (Philippians 2:7, 8; Hebrews 5:8, 9.)**
- 2. He did not live to do His own will, but instead to do the will of the Father who sent Him (John 6:38).**
- 3. Christ loved His Father. This love resulted in His obedience to the Father regardless of what He asked the Son to do. (John 12:49, 50; 14:31; 15:10; 17:4.)**
- 4. As a subordinate, the Son only did what came from the Father as a source. He did nothing from His own will or from the will of others. He did nothing on His own initiative. He only spoke what the Father gave Him; everything that came from the mouth of God. He did not act upon what came from others; only acted on what came from His Father (Matthew 4:3, 4; John 5:19, 20; 8:42; 12:49, 50; 14:8-11)**



**THE RELATIONSHIP ACTS OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (AS
SUBORDINATE) TOWARD GOD THE FAATHER (AS HEAD)
(2of 5)**

- 5. Because of their intimate relationship, the Father and Son had unity of mind and of spirit, and great fellowship (John 17:21, 24, 25).**
- 6. Because of His obedience and had received every teaching from the Father, all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge were hidden in Christ (Colossians 2:3). He had all the fullness of deity in bodily form (Colossians 2:9).**
- 7. In their intimate relationship, the Son had all the things of the Father (John 16:5).**
- 8. Because of their intimate relationship where the Son only did what the Father was working in Him, others could not tell them apart — They were one. Others could know what the Father was like by knowing Him. Others could tell that the Father was in Him and He was in the Father by examining the works of the Son. The works tell the story. How one thinks and lives his live shows to whom one belongs and whom they represent; either to God or to someone else. (John 8:19; 10:24-26, 30; 14:8-11).**



**THE RELATIONSHIP ACTS OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (AS
SUBORDINATE) TOWARD GOD THE FAATHER (AS HEAD)
(3of 5)**

- 9. In His subordinate role, Christ always did the things that were pleasing to His Father. He did not try to please Himself. The Son always honored the Father. (John 8:29, 49; Romans 15:3.)**
- 10. Because of His obedience, the Son received all power in heaven and in earth; He was highly exalted (Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:21, 22; 1 Peter 3:22).**
- 11. The Son walked by faith in the Father to do what He promised. He did not know when He would return. (Only the Father knew when He would return; no man and no angel knew.) (Matthew 24:36.)**
- 12. Being obedient to the Father, He always acted the same; He never changed because He had everything that came from God and was taught from God (Hebrews 13:8).**
- 13. Christ only acted under the authority of His Father; He never acted under the authority of the world as His supreme head (John 8:23).**



**THE RELATIONSHIP ACTS OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (AS
SUBORDINATE) TOWARD GOD THE FAATHER (AS HEAD)
(4of 5)**

- 14. The Son glorified the Father because He accomplished everything that the Father had given Him to do. His food was always to do the will of the Father and to accomplish His work. In His obedience and love for His Father, He did not seek His own glory. If He did, His witness would not be true. (John 4:34; 8:58; 17:4.)**
- 15. The Son knew that the Father was greater than He was (John 14:28).**
- 16. The Son only acted in His Father's (His head's) name (John 5:43).**
- 17. Christ could do things because He was from God (He did what His head wanted done). He did not do things outside of His chain of command that were not associated with God (John 9:33).**
- 18. The Son moved against those who exploited other subordinates who belonged to the Father. He moved against those who would desecrate the temple — the Father's house (Matthew 21:12, 13); Mark 11:15-18; John 2:13-22).**



**THE RELATIONSHIP ACTS OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (AS
SUBORDINATE) TOWARD GOD THE FAATHER (AS HEAD)
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- 19. The Son obeyed the Father's will even if it meant His death and broken fellowship with the Father. As a subordinate, He had the privilege to appeal to His Father that He would not have to do what the Father wanted done; but He would nevertheless do the head's will, regardless. (Matthew 26:39-42.)**
- 20. The Son learned things by being obedient to His Father and head. He did not learn by going to college. He learned things because His Father taught Him all things and trained Him in obedience. Through His obedience the Son learned. He knew God the Father because He kept the Father's commandments. (Heads are responsible for educating and training their subordinates; not outsiders. Subordinates learn by living within authoritative head-subordinate relationships.) (John 7:14-18; 8:19; Romans 1:17; Hebrews 5:8; 1 John 2:3.)**
- 21. The Son was never disobedient or rebellious toward His Father. He knew no sin. (2 Corinthians 5:21.)**



- 1. Christ is head over the Church (Romans 13:1; Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18).**
- 2. God selected the work that the church was to do (Ephesians 2:10).**
- 3. God and Christ choose their subordinates (Luke 6:13; John 6:70; 15:16, 19; 17:18; Acts 9:15; Ephesians 1:4, 5).**
- 4. Christ taught His disciples as subordinates and others as potential subordinates, including those to whom you have compassion (Matthew 5:1, 2; 7:28; 11:1; Mark 4:1; 6:2, 34; 9:31; James 1:5).**
- 5. Christ made provision for the eternal future of His chosen subordinates (John 3:16).**
- 6. Christ loves the believer (John 15:9).**
- 7. God works mightily in believers and gives them the desire of their hearts if they are obedient (Psalm 37:4, 5; Ephesians 3:20).**
- 8. God protects believers so that they will not get tested or tempted beyond what they have been taught or trained to handle (1 Corinthians 10:13).**



- 9. God and Christ supplies all the needs of the believer as they seek their headship (Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:19).**
- 10. God gives the church a great inheritance (Ephesians 1:11; Colossians 1:12).**
- 11. God gives good gifts to believers including those who ask Him (Matthew 7:11; Luke 11:13).**
- 12. God and Christ gives commands and delegated authority to believers (Matthew 28:18-21).**
- 13. God is to bring judgment where penalty is due; not the believer (Romans 12:19).**
- 14. Christ, as a delegated authority, gives the Name of the Father to believers whom the Father had given Him (John 17:6; Acts 15:14).**
- 15. God, using His Holy Spirit, leads and gives direction to believers; particularly to those who give up their own ways for the ways and teaching of God (Proverbs 3:5, 6; Acts 26:19; Romans 8:14).**



- 16. Christ abides in the believer when believers abide in Him by keeping His commandments; God answers the prayers of believers who abide in Him by keeping His commandments (John 14:23; 15:7, 9, 1).**
- 17. God gives revelations or teachings of His righteousness to the faith-obedient subordinate (Matthew 16;17; Romans 1;17).**
- 18. The Father will give honor to those who follows and serves His Son (John 12:26).**
- 19. Christ came to serve His subordinates and give His life for them (Mark 10:45).**
- 20. God will restore broken fellowship because of sin to believers who confess their sins or wrong doings (1 John 1;9).**
- 21. God disciplines His believers (Hebrews 12:5-7).**
- 22. God continues to work in the believer to bring the believer aligned to God's truth and will (Philippians 1:6; 2:13).**



**THE RELATIONSHIP ACTS OF THE CHURCH OR BELIEVERS
IN CHRIST (AS SUBORDINATES) TOWARD GOD THE
FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (AS HEADS) (1 of 7)**

- 1. We must give up all rights to act as a head and independent of our head's direction. We must give up all rights to manage our own lives and to work all things together for our good and for the good of others. What is the result if we do this? (Mark 8:34-38; Philippians 2:5-11.)**
- 2. We must abide in the words and teachings of Christ if we are to be His disciples. As obedient and faithful disciples, we will grow to become like Him. Our discipleship is demonstrated when we have love for one another. As we keep His commandments, we abide in His love and demonstrate our love for Him. (John 8:31-32; 13:34-35; 14:15, 21; 15:10.)**
- 3. We are to be obedient to our heads in all our thoughts and actions. We are not to obey those outside our chain of command. We are not to obey society and religious leaders who are not obeying God. (Acts 5:29; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Ephesians 6:5; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; Titus 3:5; James 4:7; 1 Peter 1:4; 4:2.)**



THE RELATIONSHIP ACTS OF THE CHURCH OR BELIEVERS IN CHRIST (AS SUBORDINATES) TOWARD GOD THE FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (AS HEADS) (2 of 7)

- 4. The joy and peace (the fruit of the Holy Spirit) of life come when we are obedient to God and our other heads and thus we fellowship with them. It does not come when we obey outside the chain of command. (John 15:7-11; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 John 1:1-2:6.)**
- 5. We are to follow after Christ and accomplish His work, under His authority because He has the delegated authority. He sends us out to do His work. (Matthew 4:19; 28:18-20; Mark 3:14; 6:7.)**
- 6. We must believe that God exists and seek after Him to do His will. We must believe that He will reward us as we do His will. (Hebrews 11:6.)**
- 7. We are to walk in the same manner as Christ walked in obedience to the Father. We are to imitate God and Christ. (1 John 2:6).**
- 8. We are to arrange our lives to that we can obey God and Christ and live lives that is pleasing to them. We are not to be entangled in the affairs of the world that would prevent this type of living. (John 8:29; 1 Thessalonians 4:1; 2 Timothy 2:4; 1 John 3:21-22.)**



THE RELATIONSHIP ACTS OF THE CHURCH OR BELIEVERS IN CHRIST (AS SUBORDINATES) TOWARD GOD THE FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (AS HEADS) (3 of 7)

- 9. We are to love God and Christ with our total being and love others as we love ourselves. When we love God, we have the capacity to love others. If we truly love God and live that way, we will live without fear of where we will be in eternity (and also as to what will happen to us in this life). (Matthew 22:36-34; 1 John 2:5; 4:8, 16-19.)**
- 10. We must honor Christ in order to honor the Father (John 5:23).**
- 11. Everything that we do, we are to do in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and give thanks to the Father who sent Him (Colossians 3:17).**
- 12. We will be successful if we obey God in life and service. We will govern God's affairs. (Joshua 1:8; Zechariah 3:7.)**
- 13. In Christ's work and the life that He represents, we cannot participate in them unless we abide in Christ. We abide in Christ and His love by keeping His commandments. (John 15:5, 10).**
- 14. We cannot successfully serve ourselves and other masters, and Christ at the same time. We must choose whom we will serve. (Joshua 24:15; Matthew 6:24.)**



THE RELATIONSHIP ACTS OF THE CHURCH OR BELIEVERS IN CHRIST (AS SUBORDINATES) TOWARD GOD THE FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (AS HEADS) (4 of 7)

- 15. We are to seek first to act under God's authority and by His commandments over everything else. We must act diligently to learn God's Word accurately and present ourselves to Him as workmen that have no need to be ashamed. (Matthew 6:33; 2 Timothy 2:15).**
- 16. If we as believers abide in Christ's Word, then we demonstrate that we are disciples of Christ (John 8:31-32).**
- 17. If we are truly committed to Christ and love Christ with our whole minds, then we will do the work of Christ (John 21:15-19).**
- 18. If we are to obey Christ, we must submit to the leaders who are over us (Hebrews 13:17).**
- 19. We are to constantly seek for the things concerning God and heaven — those things above, instead of the the things that are in the world (Colossians 3:1-4).**
- 20. Our true food for live is to the will of the Father and accomplish His Work (Matthew 26:39; John 4:34; Ephesians 2:10; 2 Timothy 1:9). God and Christ give us the mandates and send us into the world to accomplish their works. We do not send ourselves, nor do we do our work (Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15; John 17:18; 20:21).**



**THE RELATIONSHIP ACTS OF THE CHURCH OR BELIEVERS
IN CHRIST (AS SUBORDINATES) TOWARD GOD THE FATHER
AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (AS HEADS) (5 of 7)**

- 21. We are to do the will of the Father even if it means extreme hardship, imprisonment, and death (Matthew 26:39; John 21:18-19; Acts 21:10-14).**
- 22. We cannot enter into a relationship with the Father unless it is His choice (also our choice (John 6:64-65)).**
- 23. God the Father leads us by His Holy Spirit as He is in us and we are in Him (John 14:20; Romans 8:14). As did the Lord Jesus, we are to work out what the Father is working in us through Christ (John 14:10-12; cf. 1 John 2:6).**
- 24. We are to love God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ and do their will instead of our will according to the things in the world. We are to be, have, and do what God wants instead of what we want. We are not to be self-willed independent of God. (John 14:15; 15:10; 1 John 2:5; 15-16.)**
- 25. We are to walk in a trust in God to do what He says that He will do. We are to walk in God's righteousness, instead of any that we think that we have. We are to live trusting God to manage our lives, instead of managing our own. But this management and revelation of God's will comes from our faith-obedience to God. (Mark 9:23; Romans 1:17; 8:28; 14:23; Hebrews 11:1, 6.)**



**THE RELATIONSHIP ACTS OF THE CHURCH OR BELIEVERS
IN CHRIST (AS SUBORDINATES) TOWARD GOD THE FATHER
AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (AS HEADS) (6 of 7)**

- 26. As subordinates, God tests and proves us by allowing us to experience trials, testings, and temptations for which He has prepared us. (Job 23:10; 1 Corinthians 10:13; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-9; 4:12-13; 2 Peter 3:9.)**
- 27. As we mature in Christ, doing His will and works, we receive the fullness of God and Christ (Ephesians 3:19; 4:13; Colossians 1:9).**
- 28. We are to seek the glory of God. We are not to seek our glory, because if we do our witness is not true, and we sin because we will be rebelling against God and unrighteousness will be found in us. (John 7:18; 8:54; 1 Corinthians 10:31.)**
- 29. We are to love the approval of God, more than the approval of men (of our parents, more than the approval of our peers). (Thus, pleasing God [and parents] must have a higher priority than pleasing men.) (John 12:43; Acts 5:29.)**
- 30. We are to walk in the fellowship of God. This means we are to do all their will without any disobedience. When we have disobedience, we are to turn away from it and ask forgiveness. (1 John 1:1-2:6.)**



**THE RELATIONSHIP ACTS OF THE CHURCH OR BELIEVERS
IN CHRIST (AS SUBORDINATES) TOWARD GOD THE FATHER
AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (AS HEADS) (7 of 7)**

- 31. We are to live as living sacrifices to God as instruments of righteousness, transforming our lives to those that God wants (Romans 6:13; 12:1-2).**
- 32. We are always to tell God of our most intimate thoughts, and He will guide our lives. We are not to do things in secret, God does not (Proverbs 3:6-7; Amos 3:7).**
- 33. Our first allegiance is to Christ and God and their wishes. Our reason for living is to be Christ and things in heaven, not in things on the earth. (Matthew 8:19-22; Luke 12:15; Philippians 1:21; Colossians 3:1-2.)**
- 34. We are to live by God's righteousness, not by our own ideas (Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:9).**
- 35. All things have come from God and our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 8:6).**
- 36. The greatest one among us will be the greatest servant of all. Christ did not come to be served, but to give His life for us. (Mark 10:43-45.)**



RELATIONSHIP OF THE HUSBAND AS HEAD TO THE WIFE AS SUBORDINATE

- 1. Husband is head of the wife. (Ephesians 5:23)**
- 2. Husband is to love his wife. (Ephesians 5:25)**
- 3. Husband is to love his wife as his own body and nourish and cherish her. (Ephesians 5:28-29)**
- 4. Husband is to love his wife as himself (Ephesians 5:33)**
- 5. Husbands are to live with their wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. (1 Peter 3:7)**



RELATIONSHIP OF WIFE AS SUBORDINATE TO HER HUSBAND AS HEAD

- 1. The wife desire is to be for her husband, and he will rule over her. (Genesis 3:16)**
- 2. Wives are subject to their husbands in everything as fitting in the Lord. This is true even in the husband is an unbeliever (Colossians 3:18; Ephesians 5:22, 24; 1 Peter 3:1-6)**
- 3. Wife is to respect her husband. (Ephesians 5:33)**
- 4. Wife does her husband good and never evil in all that she does. (Proverbs 31:10-31)**
- 5. A wife should not be a constant complainer, vexer, and dripper for it is better to live somewhere else for the husband in such cases. (Proverbs 19:13; 21:9, 19; 25:24; 27:15)**



RELATIONSHIP OF PARENTS AS HEAD TOWARD THEIR CHILDREN AS SUBORDINATES

- 1. Fathers are not provoke their children to anger or exasperate them that they lose hear; but bring them up in the discipline, instruction, and commandments of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21; Deuteronomy 6:1-2).**
- 2. Train up their children in the way they should go, in the way of biblical wisdom, integrity, teachings, and commandments. Even when they old, they will not depart from them. (Proverbs 22:6; 4:10-12; 7:1-3; 20:7; 1:8-9)**
- 3. Parents should discipline their children with the rod while there is hope. Otherwise they can show hate for their children. (Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 29:15, 17)**



RELATIONSHIP OF CHILDREN AS SUBORDINATES TO THEIR PARENTS AS HEAD (1 of 2)

- 1. Children are to be obedient to their parents in all things, for this is right and is well-pleasing to the Lord. Honor your father and mother and all things will go well for you and you may live long on the earth. (Colossians 3:20; Ephesians 6:1-3)**
- 2. Children are to hear the instruction of their father and give attention that they may gain understanding, God gives sound teaching through the parents. Children are not to abandon the instructions of the Lord. (Proverbs 4:1-2)**
- 3. A wise son accepts his father's discipline, But a scoffer does not listen to rebuke. (Proverbs 13:1)**
- 4. Children are not to assault their fathers or drive their mothers away. This is shameful and disgraceful. (Proverbs 19:26)**



**RELATIONSHIP OF CHILDREN AS
SUBORDINATES TO THEIR PARENTS AS HEAD
(2 of 2)**

- 5. Children are to listen to counsel and accept discipline, That they may be wise the rest of their days. (Proverbs 19:20)**

- 6. Children are not to curse their father or mother. Otherwise their lamp of life will go out in time of darkness. (Proverbs 20:20)**

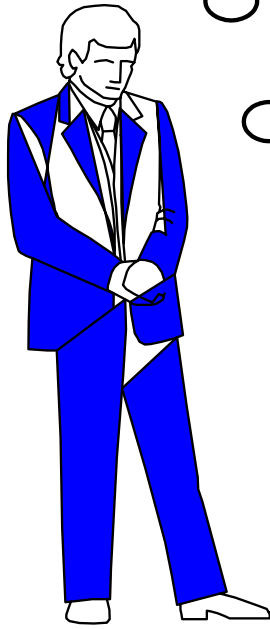
- 7. Children are to listen to their fathers who begot them. They are not to despise their mothers when they are old. (Proverbs 23:22)**

- 8. The eye that mocks a father, And scorns a mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it. (Proverbs 30:17)**

HOW DO WE LIVE BY FAITH



HOW DO WE LIVE BY FAITH?



HOW &
WHERE
DO WE
BEGIN?



Romans 1:17

***"But The Righteous Man
Shall Live By Faith."***



INJUNCTIONS TO WALK BY FAITH

Habakkuk 2:4 "But The Righteous Will Live By His Faith."

Romans 1:17 "But The Righteous Man Shall Live By Faith"

Galatians 3:11 "The Righteous Man Shall Live By Faith."

Hebrews 10:38 "But My Righteous One Shall Live By Faith;"

Hebrews 11:6 "And Without Faith It Is Impossible To Please Him,"

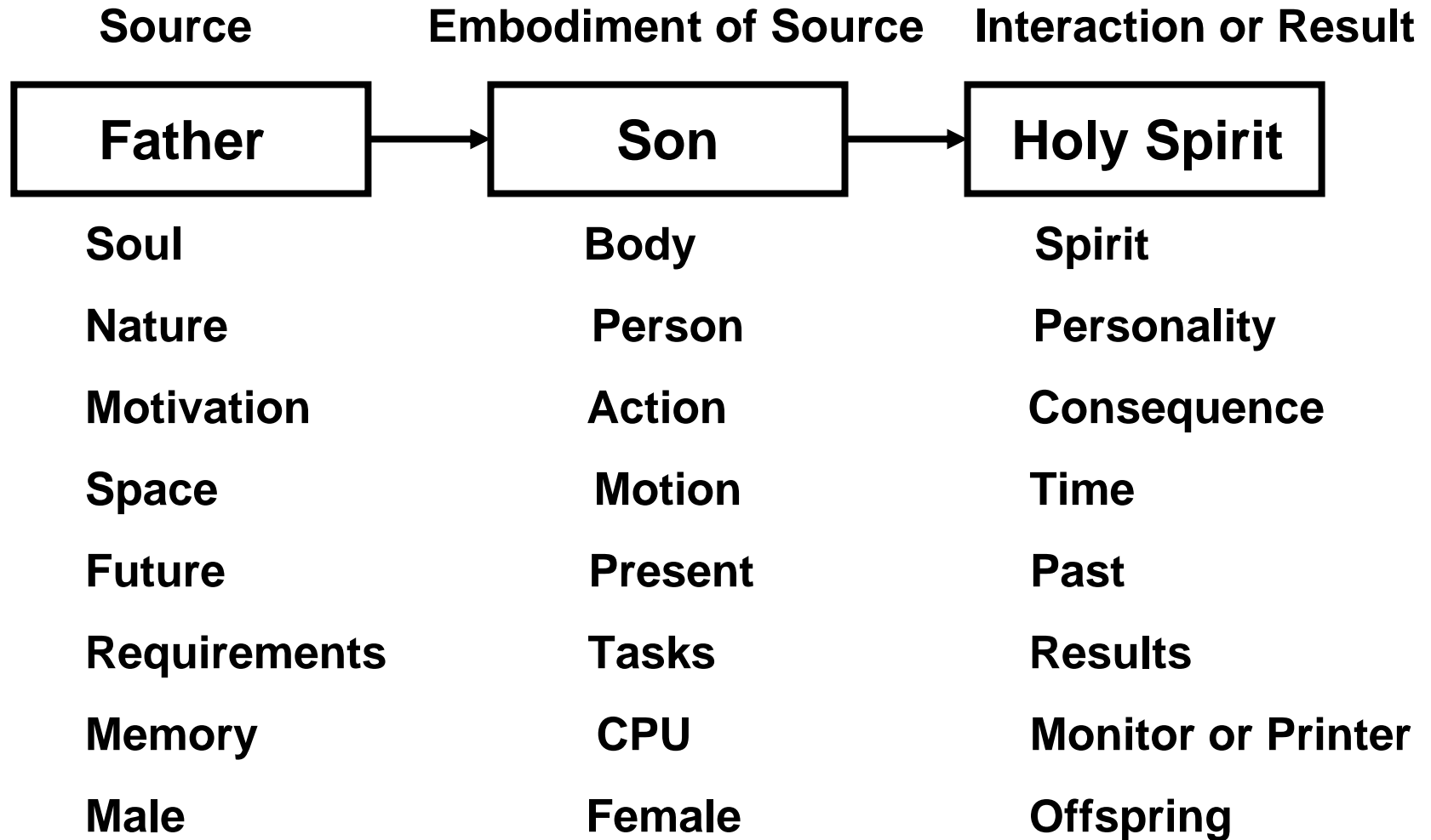


REASONS TO LIVE BY FAITH

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| 1. Live Without Sin | Romans 14:23 |
| 2. To Please God | Hebrews 11:6 |
| 3. Receive Revelation From God | Romans 1:17 |
| 4. Live By The Righteousness Of God | Philippians 3:9 |
| 5. Have Testings Increase Our Spiritual Maturity | James 1:2-4 |
| 6. Have God Act In Our Lives | Proverbs 3:6;
Romans 8:28 |
| 7. Have An Exciting Life With God | Mark 9:23 |
| 8. Know Christ And The Power Of His Resurrection | Philippians 3:9,10 |
| 9. Have Our Prayers Answered | Matthew 21:22 |
| 10. Have Peace Of Mind In Our Lives | Isaiah 26:3 |



GOD & ALL THAT LIVES & ACTS IS A TRIUNITY - GOD'S IMAGE





GOD & ALL THAT LIVES & ACTS IS A TRIUNITY - GOD'S IMAGE

Source

Embodiment of Source

Interaction or Result

Father

Son

Holy Spirit

Motivation

Action

Consequence

Faith

Obey Instructions

God brings results

Live without sin

Love

Keep God's

Live holy

Commandments

Good Relationships

Lust, Pride,

Become, Have,

Sin

Selfishness

Do What We Want



ALTERNATIVE RESPONSES FOR BELIEVERS

1 SAMUEL 16:7

LIVING AND ABIDING

SOURCE

EMBODIMENT OF SOURCE

INTERACTION

Interaction with God
 God's Righteousness
 Love
 Faith (in God's Word)
 Hope (in God's Word)

Preach
 Teach
 Study
 Work
 Praise

SERVANT ROLE
 Fruit of the Holy Spirit
 (Love, Joy, Peace)
 Work of God

No interaction with God
 Self Righteousness
 Selfishness
 Pride
 Lust
 Hate

Worship
 Sing
 Pray
 Read Bible
 Witness
 Do not smoke
 Do not drink

MAN EXAMINES ACTIONS

GOD ROLE
 Fruit of the Flesh
 (Worry, Fear, Anger)
 Carnal

GOD EXAMINES THE HEART





TWO WAYS TO LIVE; ONLY GOD'S WAY BRINGS US RIGHTEOUS LIVING

Man's Way

**INDEPENDENT
SYSTEM**

We work all things together for good using our intellect based on our knowledge of good and evil. This leads to sin and destruction. We live under our leadership and kingdom.

God's Way

**FAITH
SYSTEM**

We trust the perfect God to work all things together for good, and we obey His instructions. This leads to life and righteousness. We live under His leadership and kingdom.



THE BATTLE OF JERICHO GIVES US THE MODEL FOR HOW TO WALK BY FAITH

Joshua 6

God Gives a Promise of Victory and Instructions

God instructed the Israelites to take the City and promised to give it into their hands; but they had to obey God's instructions to gain the promise.

We Respond in Faith Believing God Will Bring the Victory by Obeying His Instructions

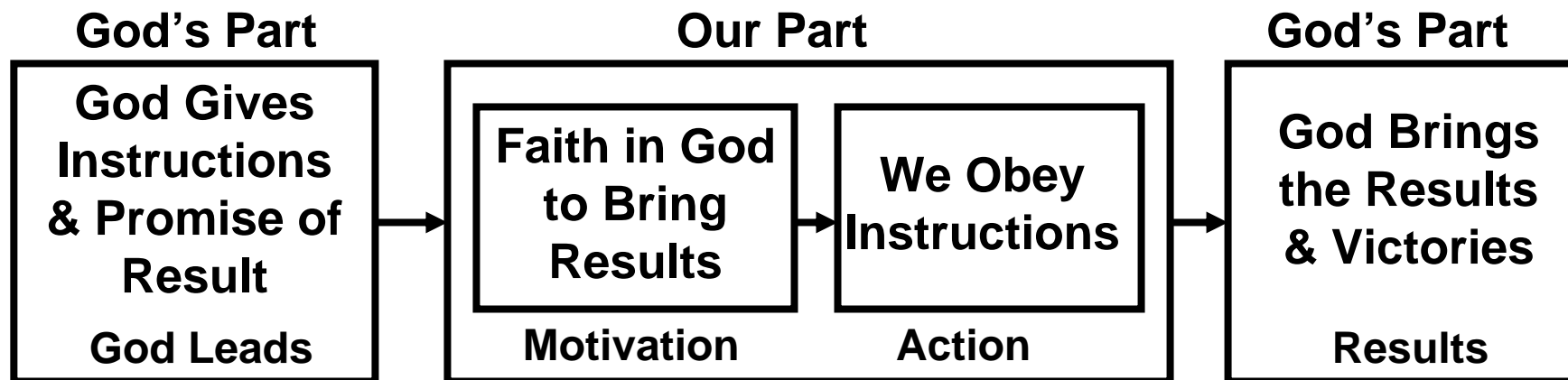
The Israelites believed God would give them the city, so they obeyed His instructions about marching around the city. They did not know in advance how God would bring them the victory.

God Brings The Results and Victory

After the Israelites obeyed God, God brought the Jericho walls down allowing the Israelites to win the battle.



BASIC CONCEPT OF WALKING BY FAITH



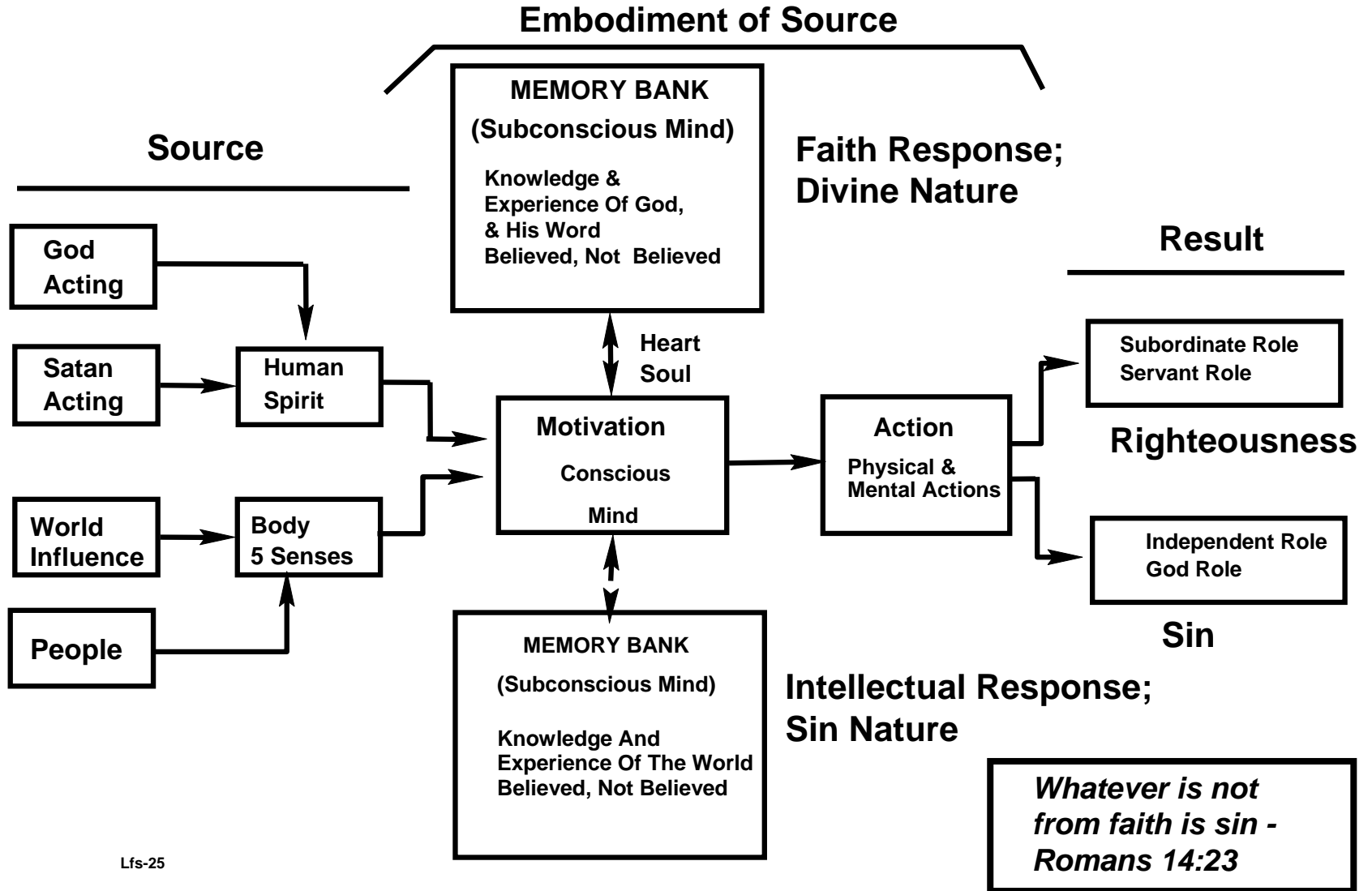
Faith Resulting in Action Is Living-Faith to Which God Responds

GOD'S PART is to give us Promise of Victory without telling us how He will bring it and the instructions we are to follow for Him to bring the victory working through them.

OUR PART is to believe God will bring the result and act in obedience to His instructions without knowing in advance how He will bring the victory.



ALTERNATIVE RESPONSES FOR BELIEVERS





Memorize Key Verses

Faith

***Romans 10:17 - So Faith Comes From Hearing, And Hearing
From The Word of Christ***

Control

***Hebrews 11:1 - Now Faith Is The Assurance Of Things Hoped For,
The Conviction of things not seen.***

Action

***James 2:26 - For Just As The Body Without The Spirit Is Dead, So Also
Faith Without Works Is Dead.***

***Hebrews 11:8 - By Faith Abraham, When He Was Called, Obeyed By Going
Out To A Place Which He Was To Receive For An Inheritance,
And He Went Out, Not Knowing Where He Was Going.***

Rest

***Hebrews 4:10 - For The One Who Has Entered His Rest Has Himself Also
Rested From His Works, As God Did From His.***



SUMMARY

PRINCIPLES OF WALKING BY FAITH

FAITH	Built Upon Knowledge Accepted As Being True So That We Are Willing And Do Act Upon It.
OBJECT	God As The Object Of Our Faith Will Act Upon His Behalf (And Ours) For He Carries The Responsibility For Life By His Character.
ACTION	Requires Action On Our Part To Demonstrate That Faith Is Alive And Genuine.
OBEDIENCE	Requires A Responsive Obedience To God As He Leads With His Instructions And Commands.
CONTROL	The Total Situation Is Outside Of Our Manipulative Control And The Results Are Not Clearly Seen In Advance, But Some Based On Our Experience May Be Predictable.
FULFILLMENT	Using Verses In The Bible Is An Absolute Guarantee Of Results (When In Fellowship With God) And The Results Of Action From Our Faith Is A Proof Of Our Convictions Of Faith. God produces the Results
REST	When We Walk By Faith, We Have A Relaxed Mental Attitude For Success, For Our Success Is In The Person Of God, Not In Ourselves.



TRUSTING GOD TO WORK ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR GOOD

Romans 8:28 - And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God (those who keep His commandments), to those who are called according to His purpose (those who do His work).

John 4:34 - Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me (includes keeping God's commandments), and to accomplish His work.

John 15:10 - "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

John 17:4 - "I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.



LOVE IS DEMONSTRATED BY KEEPING THE COMMANDMENTS

True love leads to sacrificial service

Matthew 22:37 - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Matthew 22:39 - "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

John 14:15 - "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."

John 15:10 - "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love."

2 John 1:6 - And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments.

John 15:13 - "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

1 John 4:19 - We love, because He first loved us.

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."



ROMANS 8:28 FAITH-CONCEPT

God's Job

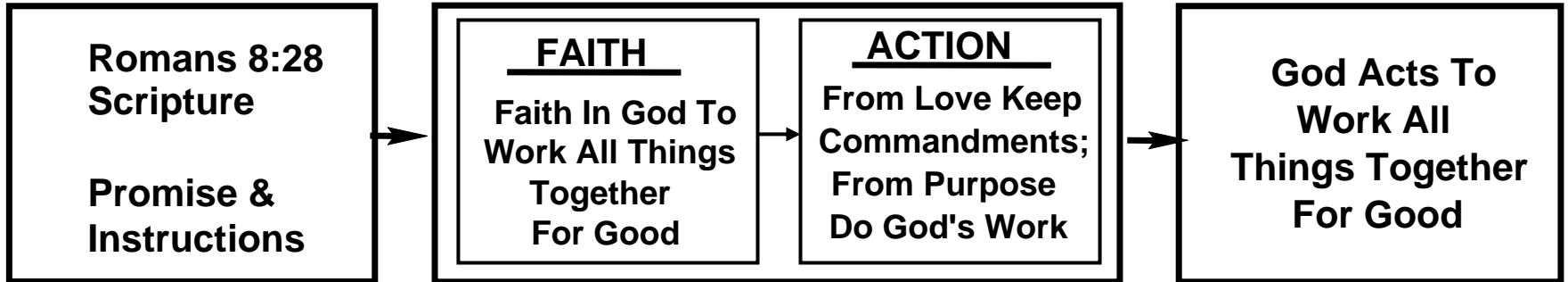
Our Job

God's Job

GOD'S LEADING

LIVING FAITH

GOD PRODUCES
SCRIPTURE'S CLAIMS



Source

Faith-Process

Result

Source - Embodiment

God Works Through The Faith-Process Channel

Romans 8:28 - God Causes All Things To Work Together For Good To Those Who Love God; To Those Who Are Called According To His Purpose.



EXPECTATIONS IN REALITY

Can we expect God to work all things together for our ultimate good if we do not keep His commandments, and also accomplish His work?

If God does work all things together for our ultimate good if we do not adequately keep His commandments from love and do His work from purpose, can we expect to have His best He provides in eternity?

If we are not involved in God's work, will we not give less glory to God?

Can we expect to gain the maximum maturity in Christ-likeness if we are not adequately involved in God's work?



THE SPIRITUAL NORMAL WAY TO LIVE

FAITH



LOVE



PURPOSE

We have faith in God to produce results in our lives according to His promises or we sin. God must be the source of all we do. We must have the sense by faith that God is always working all together for good in our lives.

We show our love for God by keeping His commandments and to others by our sacrificial service. This brings us holy, righteous, and godly lives. We do this because we believe that God is perfect and others are of very high value.

We glorify God when we live for His purposes & accomplish His work. When we do, we show that He is most important in our lives.

We embrace our faith in God as our head to act by our faith-obedience in love and purpose. We are always to live this way in the subordinate role.

Galatians 5:6 - but faith working through love.



THE VINE & THE BRANCHES

Vine

Branches Abiding in Vine

God Produces Fruit

GOD'S LEADING

LIVING FAITH

**GOD PRODUCES
SCRIPTURE'S CLAIMS**

Romans 8:28
Scripture

Promise &
Instructions



FAITH

Faith In God To
Work All Things
Together
For Good

ACTION

From Love Keep
Commandments;
From Purpose
Do God's Work



God Acts To
Work All
Things Together
For Good
Produces Fruit

Source

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God Works Through The Faith-Process Channel

John 15:5 - "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing."



GOD WORKS ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR GOOD IN US AS BELIEVERS

- 1. God gives us gifts and trains us individually to bring us to high levels of maturity in head-subordinate relationships.**
 - He works all things together for good in our personal lives.**
- 2. God leads and trains us individually to accomplish selected tasks or ministries.**
- 3. He works all that we do as a group together for good in order to accomplish an overall greater work.**
 - We need to live out our part in excellence if God is to accomplish to the degree He desires.**

God works in us as individuals and together as a whole to accomplish His work.



EXAMPLES OF GOD WORKING ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR GOOD

ORCHESTRA

1. God works to have each person play their instrument to high capability.
2. Each player plays his instrument with mature responsive capability.
3. God works to have all the instruments play together so that a symphony is played in excellence.

TEAM SPORT

1. God works to have each person play their position to high capability.
2. Each player plays his position with mature responsive capability.
3. God works to have all the team positions play together so that the team wins games.



WE ARE TO WALK BY FAITH USING GOD'S MANY PROMISES

2 Peter 1:3-4 - seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Each promise states what God will do and gives us instructions for what we are to do. God brings the promise if from our faith we carry out His instructions.



PROMISES TO MEMORIZE

2 Peter 1:3-4 - According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Joshua 1:8; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Job 19:25-26; Psalm 27:14; Psalm 37:4-5;

Psalm 37:23-24; Psalm 55:22; Psalm 56:3; Psalm 84:11; Psalm 118:8;

Palm 119:105; Proverbs 3:5-6; Proverbs 8:17; Proverbs 16:7; Isaiah 26:3;

Isaiah 40:31; Isaiah 41:10.; Jeremiah 33:3; Matthew 4:19; Matthew 6:33;

Matthew 7:7-9; Matthew 11:28-30; Matthew 21:22; John 14:1-3; John 15:7;

Romans 8:18; Romans 8:28; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Galatians 6:9;

Ephesians 3:20; Philippians 1:6; Philippians 4:6-7; Philippians 4:19;

1 Thessalonians 5:18; James 1:5; James 4:8; 1 Peter 3:12; 1 Peter 5:7; 2 Peter 1:4;

1 John 1:9



EXAMPLE USING PROMISES IN THE ROMANS 8:28 FAITH-PROCESS

God's Part

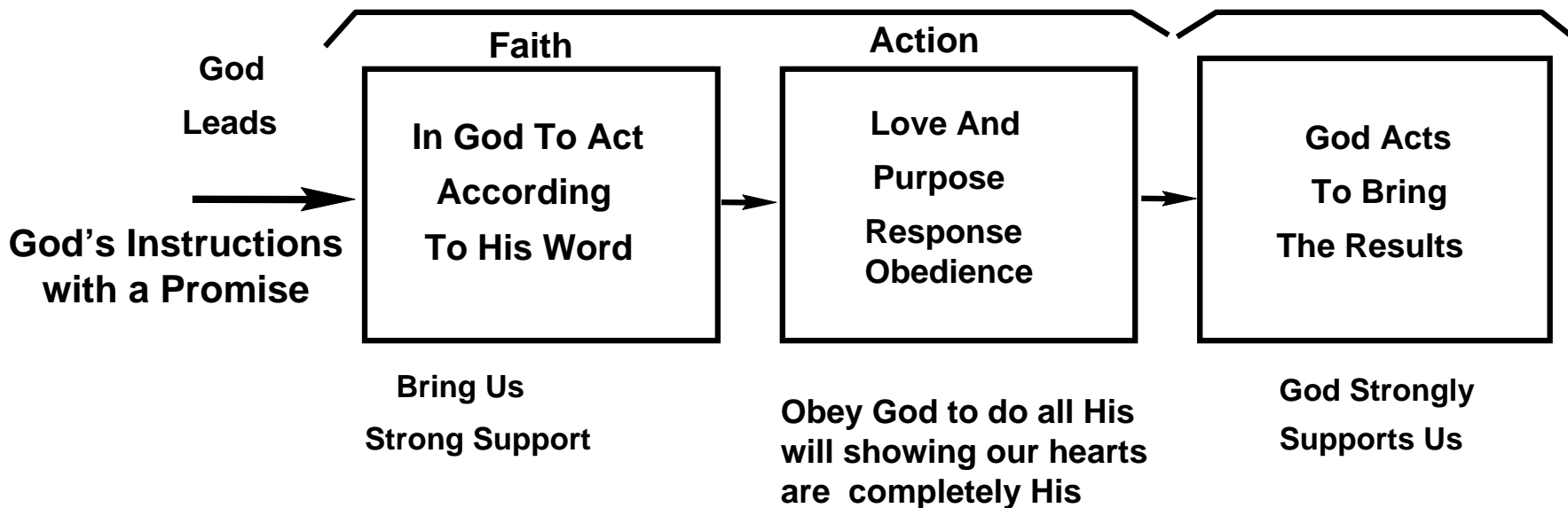
Our Part

God's Part

2 Chronicles 16:9

Abiding In Christ's Love
Living Faith - Faith-process

Result



2 Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.... "Acts 13:22 " a man after My heart, who will do all My will."



EXAMPLE USING PROMISES IN THE ROMANS 8:28 FAITH-PROCESS

God's Part

Proverbs 3:5-6

Our Part

**Abiding In Christ's Love
Living Faith - Faith-process**

God's Part

Result

God
Leads



**God's Instructions
with a Promise**

Faith

**In God To Act
According
To His Word**

Action

**Love And
Purpose
Response
Obedience**

**God Acts
To Bring
The Results**

**Make Your
Paths Straight**

**Trust in the Lord with all our
heart, lean not on our own
understanding, acknowledge
Him in all our ways.**

**God Makes
Your Paths
Straight**

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.



KEY ASPECTS WHEN LIVING BY FAITH

- 1. We will never have all the information in advance that we will need or desire so that we can work all things together for good. This situation requires our faith-obedience without knowing everything in advance.**
- 2. What results is outside of our ability to manipulate or to control. God will bring results of overcoming the giants, something that we cannot do.**
- 3. We are to faith-rest in God to always lead and bring the results. We are not to depend upon ourselves. Thus, we live with peace of mind.**
- 4. We will not know that we live by faith until after the fact. We will not know before we activate our faith with action.**

Obedience from our intellect without coming from faith, love, and hope does not please God.



LIVE AT THE BELIEF LEVEL

We Must Walk Even As The Lord Jesus Walked, Not As Man Walks

- * **Believe That God Is Always Working In Me To Do His Will** **Philippians 1:6; 2:11,12**

- * **Believe That I Am Now Doing What God Is Doing In My Direction And He Is Leading Me To Do What He Is Doing Or Wants To Do** **1 John 2:6; John 5:19,20**

- * **Believe That I Am Always Being Led By The Holy Spirit Of God** **Romans 8:14**

- * **Believe Everything I Am Doing Is Associated With God Because I Can Do Nothing Apart From Christ And God** **John 15:5**

- * **Believe That I Must Pray About All Things To Determine His Leading, I Can Do Nothing In Myself That Is Spiritual Or Of God** **1 Thessalonians 5:17**

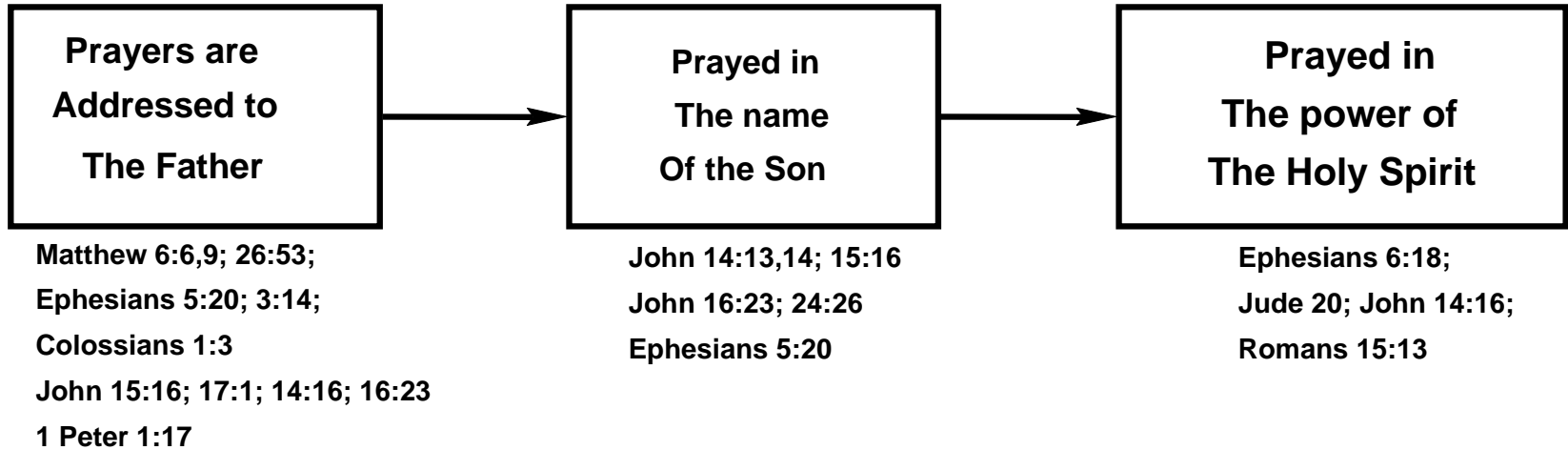
- * **Believe That All Things Are Possible With God If I Can Believe** **Mark 9:23**

- * **Believe That When I Am Doing What God Is Doing, People See Him And Not Me Because I Am Doing Nothing On My Own Initiative, Christ Is In Me And I Am In Him** **John 14:9,10,11,12,20**



STRUCTURE OF PRAYER

Prayers Are Prayed in a Triunity



SHOW REVERENCE IN PRAYER

- 1. Address the Father as holy and righteous Father*
- 2. Ask in the name of the Lord Jesus*

We pray to have an intimate relationship with God as we admit we cannot handle life and work all things together for our good; we believe Only He can.



USING PRAYER PROMISES

God's Part

Our Part

God's Part

LIVING FAITH - FAITH-PROCESS

RESULT

God Gives Instructions & Promise of Result

GOD LEADS
ULTIMATE SOURCE

IN GOD TO ACT ACCORDING TO HIS WORD
FAITH

LOVE AND PURPOSE RESPONSE
OBEDIENCE

GOD ACTS TO BRING THE RESULTS
INTERACTION

PSALM 55:22

God Will Sustain And Protect Us

Cast Our Burdens Upon The Lord

God Acts To Sustain Us And Cause Us Not To Be Shaken

MATTHEW 21:22

What We Desire To Receive

Ask In Prayer Believing

God Brings The Results

I JOHN 5:14

Believe That God Hears Us

Ask According To God's Will

God Answers Our Prayers

FROM OUR FAITH, WE SHOULD ACT UPON WHAT WE ARE PRAYING ABOUT



DID YOU PRAY THIS MORNING?

Begin Each Day With Prayer

I woke up early one morning
And rushed right into the day,
I had so much to accomplish
I forgot to pray.

Problems tumbled about me
And heavier came each task,
Why doesn't God help, I wondered
He said, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and gladness
But the day toiled grey and black,
Why doesn't God help I asked
He said, "But you didn't seek."

I wanted to come into God's
presence

I tried all my keys in the lock,
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning
And I paused before entering the day,
I had so much to accomplish
I had to take time to pray.

*Luke 11:9 - And I say unto you, Ask,
and it shall be given you; seek, and
ye shall find; knock, and it shall be
opened unto you.*

(From my friends the Bagby's in the
Atascadero-Paso Robles area.)



REDEMPTIVE WITNESSING

God's Part

Our Part

God's Part

LIVING FAITH - FAITH-PROCESS

RESULT

Source

GOD LEADS

→

God Gives Instructions & Promise of Result

IN GOD TO ACT
ACCORDING
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Lead PEOPLE
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Gospel And
Trust God To
Save Them

Lead PEOPLE
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Their Faith;
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Or Confess
Christ

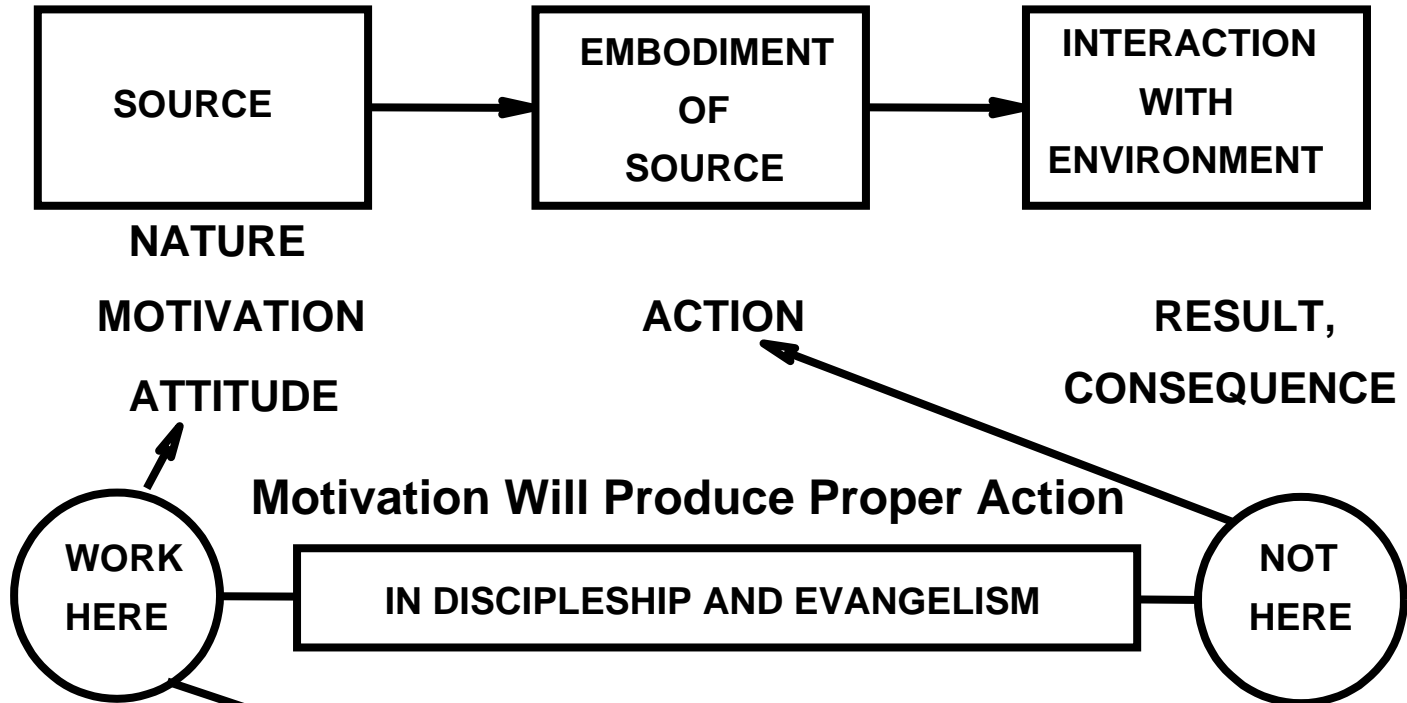
Lead PEOPLE
To Look To
God To Save
Them

God
Promises to
Save Us If
We Act From
Our Faith

PEOPLE ARE SAVED BY FAITH, MADE ALIVE THROUGH ACTION; ALWAYS GIVE PEOPLE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ACT AND BE SAVED WITHOUT YOU



DISCIPLESHIP - EVANGELISM



Motivation Will Produce Proper Action

Explaining the consequences of our actions

Discipleship - Evangelism Approach Is To Work With The Source, Nature, Motivations, Attitudes And Reasons --- Do Not Work Directly With What A Person Does --- Except To Bring Control To The Situation Such As In Emergencies --- But always explaining the consequences of our actions.



DIVINE APPOINTMENTS

- 1. A divine appointment is when God brings us together with someone else such that we can share the Gospel or a teaching, or that they can share a teaching with us. (Example: the woman at the well.)**
- 2. We need to recognize these divine appointments by faith and need.**
- 3. When witnessing, look for entry points, and have a preliminary conversation to learn something about the person. You can use humor.**
- 4. These appointments show up everywhere in our normal lives. This technique can be called On-The-Way Witnessing.**
- 5. It is helpful to carry a good booklet about salvation that you can give to every divine appointment. It should be a complete booklet that gives them guidance before they become a Christian, how to become a Christian, and what they should do after becoming one.**



GOD TESTS OUR FAITH AND OUR LOVE-PURPOSE RESPONSE

James 1:2-4

Consider It All Joy My Brethren, When You Encounter Various Trials; Knowing That The Testing Of Your Faith Produces Endurance. And Let Endurance Have Its Perfect Result, That You May Be Perfect And Complete, Lacking In Nothing.

1 Peter 1:6,7

.... Even Though Now For A Little While, If Necessary, You Have Been Distressed By Various Trials, That The Proof Of Your Faith, Being More Precious Than Gold, Even Though Tested By Fire, May Be Found To Result In Praise And Glory And Honor At The Revelation Of Jesus Christ.

**FAITH MUST HAVE A LOVE-PURPOSE RESPONSE
BOTH ARE TESTED**

Christ- Centered



Biblical Training

**ALL TESTS OF FAITH ARE WHO WILL
WORK ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR
GOOD; GOD OR MAN**

In all tests we chose between:

TRUSTING GOD to work all things together for good such as we from love keep His commandments and from purpose accomplish work such that we become, have, and do what God wants – we live the servant role

TRUSTING SELF to work all things together for good such as from fear we use our own value system such that we become, have, and do what we want – we live the god role.



WE GET THREE TESTS IN LIFE

Will we do, have, and become what God wants or what we want. In Scripture they are called the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life.

1 John 2:15 - Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

The Lord Jesus got this test (Matthew 4:1-11), the Israelites got this test (1 Corinthians 10:1-10), Adam and Eve got this test (Genesis 3:1-7), and we get this test (1 John 2:15-17).

When we do what we want etc, we act as a god and work all things together for good instead of trusting God to do it.



GOD TESTS OUR FAITH AND OUR LOVE-PURPOSE RESPONSE

THE TEST GIVEN TO ADAM AND EVE

SERVANT RULE - GOD IS SOURCE

Obeying God And Not Eating Of The Tree Of The Knowledge Of Good And Evil - Because The Knowledge Is Not Necessary To Have A Love Relationship With God And Do What God Desires

VERSUS

GOD ROLE - MAN IS SOURCE

Disobeying God And Eating Of The Tree - Because The Knowledge Of Good And Evil Is Necessary To Act Independent Of God And Do What We Desire



TESTS OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

SERVANT ROLE

Faith-obedience

From Love And Hope →

Trusts in the Greatness of God

Allows God To
Accomplish
(Work All Things
Together For
Divine Good)

GOD ROLE

Disobedience;

Lack Of Obedience →

Trusts in his own abilities

Allows Satan To
Accomplish
(Work Things
Together For Human
And Satan's Good)

* Those Not In Active Service Are Casualties
In The Warfare

* Those Not In Active Service Will Have Little
Contact With The Enemy To Be Thwarted
And Persecuted

Exodus 17:8-13; Romans 8:28;
Ephesians 6:10-20



GOD TESTS OUR FAITH AND OUR LOVE-PURPOSE RESPONSE

TESTS GIVEN TO ADAM AND EVE AND THE LORD JESUS

1, BOASTFUL PRIDE OF LIFE - BECOME WHAT YOU WANT

- Make One Wise
- *Rule The World - Worship Satan*

WORSHIP GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY

2. LUST OF THE FLESH - BE ABLE TO DO WHAT YOU WANT

- Have The Knowledge Of Good And Evil
- *Command These Stones To Become Bread*

DO NOT TEMPT GOD

3. LUST OF THE EYES - HAVE WHAT YOU WANT

- Fruit Was A Delight To The Eyes Genesis 3; Matthew 4
- *Throw Yourself Down*

DO NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY GOD'S WORD



KEY UNDERSTANDING

1. The lust and things of this world will pass away and will not make it into eternity.

1 John 2:17 - And the world is passing away, and also it lusts, but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

2. Apart from salvation and knowing and relating to God in a mature and righteous manner, there is nothing.

Relationship living, not technology or technical things, is the only thing that is important. Relationship living takes us to maturity in Christ.

3. We only need the knowledge by which we relate to God and to each other, and to do our secular work.

4. We do not need a broad knowledge of the world (the knowledge of good and evil) to walk with God. It is an impediment.

We only need such knowledge if we want to act independent of God and to work all things together ourselves, doing what we want.



TEST OF THE GIANTS AT KADESH-BARNEA

God Said: Go in and possess the land (1:7).

The Spies said: It is a good land which the Lord is to give us (1:25).

**The People said: The people in the land are bigger and taller than we;
The cities are large and fortified to heaven (1:28).**

The Lord your God who goes before you will Himself fight on your behalf; just as He did in Egypt before your eyes But in all of this, you did not trust the Lord your God (1:30, 32).

You were not willing to go up (against the fortified cities and the giants), but rebelled against the command of the Lord your God.... None of these men, this evil generation, shall see the good land (1:26, 35).

**The people did not trust God to bring the victory He promised,
a victory they could not bring.**

Deuteronomy 1:19-36



APPLICATION TODAY'S TEST OF THE GIANTS

UNBELIEVERS (ADULTS AND CHILDREN)
IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

CHRIST SAID

Go Into The World, Preach The Gospel, And
Make Disciples (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15)

THE SPIES SAID

The People Are Difficult And Worship Other Gods

THE PEOPLE RESPONDED

We Are Too Busy To Get Involved; The People
Will Not Respond To Christ Anyway; We Will
Enjoy Our Worship And Fellowships



APPLICATION TODAY'S TEST OF THE GIANTS

**UNBELIEVERS (ADULTS AND CHILDREN)
IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

GOD SAID

**The Disobedient Shall Not Enter His Rest
(Shall Not Proceed To Maturity And Live In His
Fellowship) (Hebrews 3:7-4:13)**

GOD SAID

**Let Us Therefore Be Diligent To Enter
His Rest, Lest Anyone Fall Through The
Same Example Of Disobedience (Hebrews 4:11)**

APPLICATION: To Salvation And The Christian Life



PRINCIPLE BASED ON THE TEST OF THE GIANTS

THIS MUST BE LEARNED AND DEVELOPED!

God Regularly Brings Us Tasks (Tests) That Only He Can Do, Working Through Our Faith-obedience - It Is A Way Of Life.

We Are To Believe What God Wants Us To Do And Go And Do It, Trusting God To Bring The Results; Results That We Cannot Bring.

This Response Is Necessary If We Are To Reach Spiritual Maturity And Live In His Fellowship And Abide In His Love.

OTHERWISE WE ARE DISOBEDIENT AND WE SIN!



LIVING DURING ADVERSITY

THE TIMES AHEAD MAY BRING PERSECUTION, INCARCERATION, MARTYRDOM, AND DIFFICULT TIMES.

- 1. We are still to walk by faith and trust God to work all things together for good.**
- 2. We should realize that the testings that we receive during adversity, can take us to much higher levels of maturity.**
- 3. During times of adversity, including when in prison, we are still to witness the Gospel and lead people to Christ.**



THE CENTURION'S FAITH

*"Not Even In All Of Israel
Have I Found Such Great Faith"*

- * **He Understood Authority Being In The Military;
Believed Christ Could Do What He Claimed**
- * **A Humble Spirit Believing Christ Is Greater**
- * **A Love For The Nation And Its People;
Willing To Serve Them Without Payment**
- * **Servant's Attitude; Willing To Do Things
For Others' Benefit; Cared For His Servant**



THE RED SEA INCIDENT

When You Are Doing God's Will, And The Enemy Is Upon You, Do Not Fear Because The Lord Will Fight For You And Deliver You.

Do Not Fear! Stand By And See The Salvation Of The Lord Which He Will Accomplish For You Today!

THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU

WHY ARE YOU CRYING OUT TO ME?

TELL THE SONS OF ISRAEL TO GO FORWARD.

The Sea Parted As Moses Raised His Hand In Faith-obedience To God



LIFE'S BATTLES ARE THE LORD'S

BATTLE OF JERICHO

**God Fought The Battle, But Israel Had To Be
Faith-obedient For It To Happen**

**God Worked Through Their Faith-obedience
As A Living-faith Channel**

JOSHUA 6

BATTLE AGAINST MOAB AND AMMON

**Do Not Fear Or Be Dismayed Because Of This Great
Multitude, For The Battle Is Not Yours, But God's.**

Put Your Trust In The Lord Your God

The Lord Is With You

2 Chronicles 20:1-24



GOD OFTEN REQUIRES VALOR THE STORY OF ESTHER

ESTHER 4:16

"And Thus, I Will Go Into The King Which Is Not According To The Law. And If I Perish, I Perish."

(IT WAS ACCORDING TO GOD'S LAW)

**Esther Went To The King To Intercede
For The Jews. It Could Have Meant Her Death.**

"And If I Perish, I Perish"



GOD OFTEN REQUIRES VALOR STORIES FROM DANIEL

DURING TIMES OF PERSECUTION

**We Are Not To Deny God, Christ, And
The Gospel Even In The Face Of Death**

**The Three Hebrew Boys Would Not Bow
Down To The Image - They Were Put
Into The Fiery Furnace. (Daniel 3)**

**Daniel Continued His Custom Of Prayer - He
Was Put Into The Lion's Den. (Daniel 6)**

GOD DELIVERED THEM!



GOD WORKS THROUGH VARIABLES THE STORY OF GIDEON

God Told Gideon To Reduce His Forces From 32,000 To 300 To Battle The Superior Force Of The Midianites.

At Night, They Surrounded The Midianite Camp, Blew Trumpets, Held Torches, And Broke Pitchers.

The Midianite Army, Thinking They Were Being Attacked By A Superior Force, Fled.

Judges 6-8



GOD OFTEN REQUIRES VALOR

DURING TIMES OF PERSECUTION

**WE ARE NOT TO DENY GOD, CHRIST, AND
THE GOSPEL EVEN IN THE FACE OF DEATH**

***"Do Not Fear What You Are About To Suffer. Behold,
The Devil Is About To Cast Some Of You Into Prison,that
You May Be Tested Be Faithful Until Death, And I Will
Give You The Crown Of Life." (Revelation 2:10)***

**If We Endure (All Things For The Sake Of The Chosen),
We Shall Reign With Him; If We Deny Him, He Will Deny Us.
2 Timothy 2:12 With 2:10**



MAINTAIN OUR FAITH STAND FIRM IN ADVERSITY

MANY ARE CALLED TO SUFFER FOR CHRIST

* Three Hebrew Lads	Daniel 3	* Esther	Esther
* Daniel	Daniel 6	* Bible Heroes	Hebrews 11:9,10,35-37
* Faithful Witness	Revelation 2:10	* Polycarp	Burned At The Stake
* Stephen	Acts 7:54-60	* Fox's Book Of Martyrs	Died For Their Faith
* Peter	John 21:28	* Martyrs During Apostasy	Revelation 6:9-11
* Paul	Acts 20:19-27	* Injunction	Matthew 5:10-12
* Joseph	Genesis 39	* Rahab	Joshua 2

***NO ONE CAN STOP US FROM DOING GOD'S CHOSEN WORK
EPHESIANS 2:10***



HAVE "GREAT," NOT "LITTLE" FAITH

TIMES THAT "GREAT FAITH" IS NEEDED

**God Will Protect Us And Give Us Peace
In The Midst Of The Storm**

Matthew 8:23-27; 14:22-33

**Do Not Be Anxious For God Will Supply
Our Needs Of Life**

Matthew 6:30-33; 16:8-10

THIS FAITH MAY BE TESTED



CONTINUE TO TRUST IN GOD REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES

WALKING ON WATER EXAMPLE

MATTHEW 14:22-33

*Trust In God Regardless Of The Raging
Storm Around Us*

*Keep Our Eyes On God, Not On The Rubble
That Surrounds Us*

*Trust In God To Manage The Circumstances;
According To His Calling For Us*

**WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED ONLY ABOUT OUR CALLING;
WE MUST DO WHAT HE HAS ASKED US TO DO!**

***WE CANNOT HANDLE THE STORM; BUT WE CAN
LIVE IN PEACE WITH GOD IN THE MIST OF THE STORM***



GOOD APPROACH FOR THE COMING CHAOTIC TIMES

- 1. Trust God to work all things together for good in all aspects of your life.**
- 2. Pursue spiritual maturity and seek to obey God's will in all that you know, learning and keeping the commandments with great commitment and earnest from love.**
- 3. Pursue doing on-the-way witnessing. Demonstrate your love for others that they not perish.**
- 4. Obey the authorities over you – keep from overt sin. Glorify God and your other heads in all that you do.**
- 5. Pray about all things and all relationships without ceasing.**
- 6. Pursue studying, learning, and implementing Christian-Life Relationship Principles and Christian-Faith Doctrines.**
- 7. Put God first in everything. Avoid lukewarmness, compromise, and double-mindedness – attempting to please God and self.**



SUMMARY THOUGHTS

1. Apart from knowing God and relating to Him, there is nothing.
2. ***There is a price to be paid for growing in maturity; the price is infinitely greater if we do not.***
3. God must work all things together for good if we are to live without sin and progress to maturity. We must learn to do, have, and become what He wants.
4. We need to have mature responsive capabilities to live by faith, love, and hope in head-subordinate relationships if we are to have high levels of maturity.



SUMMARY THOUGHTS

- 5. It is only possible to gain high levels of maturity if we live in head-subordinate relationships using the character qualities of God, such as love, grace, mercy, forgiveness, everlasting kindness, and longsuffering.**
- 6. We should greet testings and trials with joy, because they build endurance and lead us to maturity in Christ.**
- 7. It is only possible to be used greatly of God if we maintain purity and morality.**
- 8. Because we will not sin in heaven, there is the strong possibility that our maturity in response to God will not increase after we die. We will receive much more knowledge. Thus, we should pursue maturity with high priority in our lives.**



THE BOTTOM LINE

Apart from us having mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living so we can know and relate to God toward His fullest throughout eternity, living holy and righteously in close fellowship with Him and each other, there is nothing. We must pay attention and cooperate with God to gain this ability.