

**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**

**Part Two: God's Goal:
Become Mature in Christ**



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

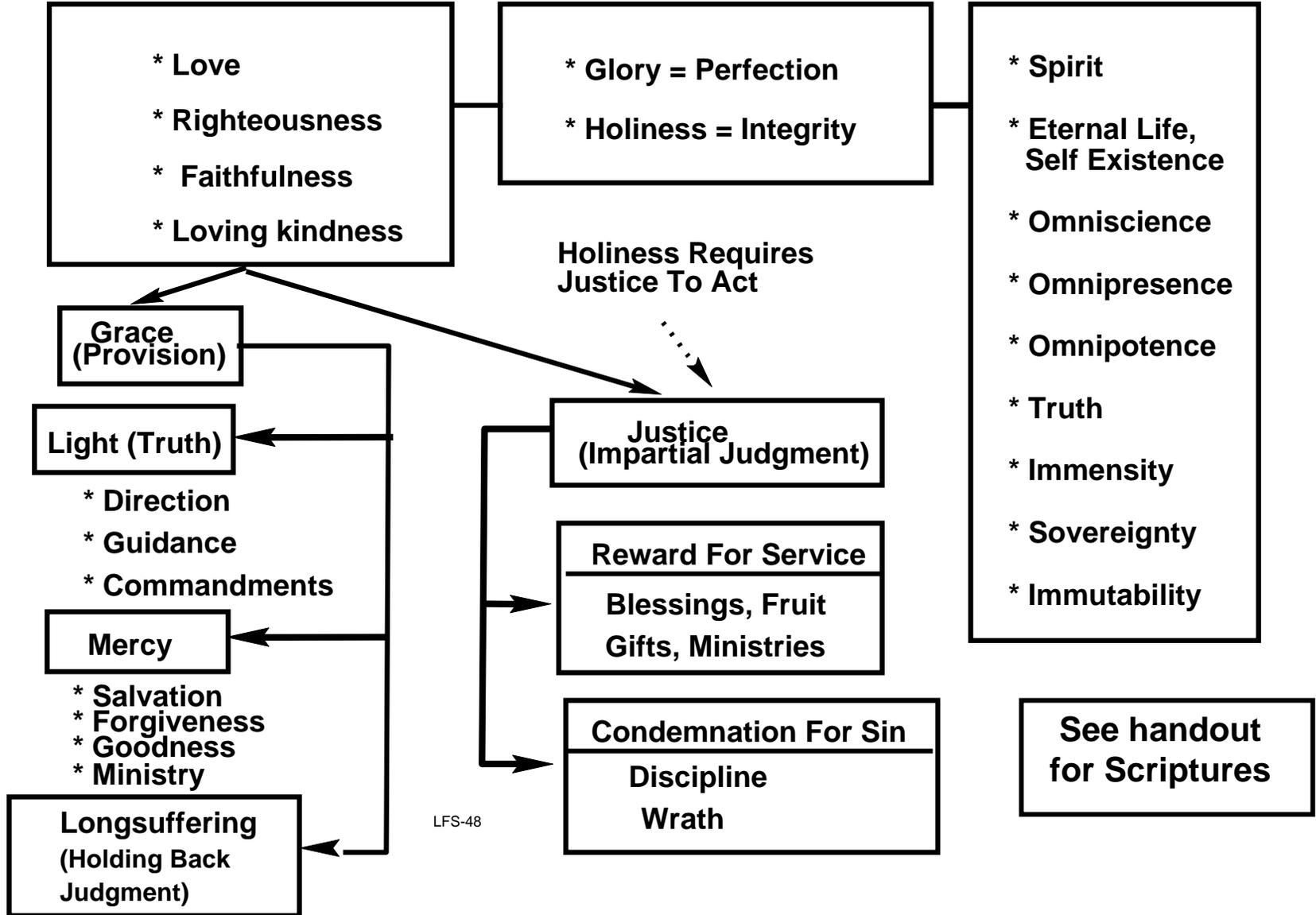
Apart from us having mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living so we can know and relate to God toward His fullest throughout eternity, living holy and righteously in close fellowship with Him and each other, there is nothing. We must pay attention and cooperate with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

**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.**

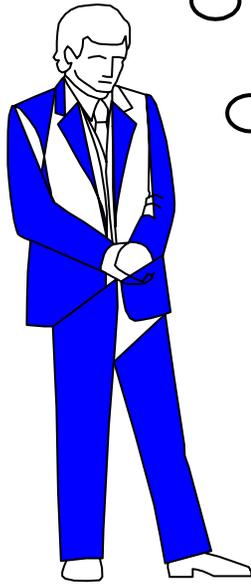


BENEFITS FROM GOD BY BECOMING MATURE IN CHRIST

- **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**

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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.



GOD'S HEAD-SUBORDINATE CHAIN OF COMMAND

Father God
is Head

The Lord
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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
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The Wife is
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Head

The Children
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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.



**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.



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