



Life Stages

- Survival
- Success
- Significance
- Servant hood

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The Race

“let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us”
Heb 12:1

“Press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus”
Phil 3:14

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,
Phil 3:10

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The Goal

Jesus tells us another very profound statement in a special sermon gave called the Beatitudes. He said

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matt 5:14-16

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The Great Commission

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 **and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.** And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. ”
 Matthew 28:19-20

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What is a Disciple?

- A disciple is a learner (a true Christ-follower).
- The Lord wants us to help others become learners to help someone to progressively learn the Word of God to become a matured, growing disciple
- “The term ‘disciple’ is derived from the Koine Greek word mathetes, which means a pupil (of a teacher) or an apprentice (to a master craftsman),

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What is Discipleship?

- Discipleship is the process of becoming like Jesus Christ. It is about growing and maturing, examining and changing the way people think, feel and act
- The concept of a master craftsman and apprentice model is an example of Discipleship.
- We disciple others by personally helping them make better decisions and investing ourselves in another; it takes sacrifice of time

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What is Commandment?

- An important rule given by God that tells people how to behave
- commands come from the Greek word "to accomplish". Jesus is telling us that the true key to joy in our lives is to commit to accomplishing the things he has given us to do.
- There are 83 commandments in the New Testament

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Categories of Commandments

1. Be the Light of the World
2. Love the Lord
3. Love your neighbour's
4. Family
5. Abide in Me
6. Honour your parents
7. Render unto Caesar
8. Go the extra mile
9. Stewardship
10. Leadership
11. Seek the kingdom of God

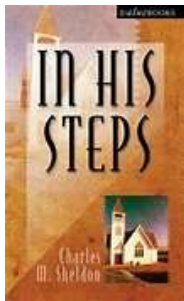
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What Jesus Says about commandments

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. John 15:9-10

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What would Jesus do
 What would He like
 you to accomplish

What is the Greatest Commandment

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Luke 10:27

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Love the Lord our God with four distinct attributes of our being,

- **Heart:** Our heart is the center of our being it has the capacity for moral preference,
- **Soul:** Our soul is the seat of our feelings, and desires.
- **Mind:** Our mind is our intellect, it is our faculty of understanding
- **Strength:** Strength is our ability, might, power it includes our talents and abilities.

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How do you show someone you love them?

- When we do the things they like,
- When do not do the things that would upset them or make them sad.
- When we serve them with an honest heart with a lover's heart, not out of duty but out of love.
- We show someone we love them when we do things that they like, even though they don't see it.
- We show our family when we clean up the house, wash the toilets, cut the grass, pay the bills, or do other household chores. Action speaks louder than words when it comes to love.
- We show love when we forgive others and do not hold onto the things they have done to us

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1. Loving the Lord your God with all your heart:

- **Worship:**
 - It is a type of romance. We speak words of adoration and love
 - We must worship in spirit and in truth
- **How you interact with others**
 - We show God we love Him when we do the things he asks us to do
 - Love our enemies
 - Be kind to others
 - Serve one another

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2. Loving the Lord your God with your soul

- **Thankfulness to God:**
 - We recognize that God is in our lives and that our lives are better because He is involved in our lives
- **Thankfulness to others:**
 - A thankful heart sees the best.
 - Is continually grateful.
 - Rejoices in life and as a result.
 - Experiences joy that is complete.
- **In contrast**
 - A bitter heart sees the worst.
 - Continually complains, and as a result.
 - Does not see the good things in life.

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3. Loving the Lord your God with your mind

- the word for mind here includes your thoughts, your understanding, what you think about
- Phil 4:8 describes the things we should think about: Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is:

Think on	Don't think on
True,	Deceptive false
whatever is noble,	Undignified unsophisticated
whatever is right,	Evil dishonest fraudulent immoral corrupt
whatever is pure,	Fake counterfeit dark
whatever is lovely,	Horrible ugly unhappy
whatever is admirable—	Bad detestable hateful shameful
if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such thing	Inferior unskilled crude poor quality

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3. Loving the Lord your God with your mind

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — His good, pleasing, and perfect will. Rom 12:2

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4. Loving God with our Strength

- This is loving God with your ability, might, power, and strength.
- From a derivative of is (force; compare *eschon*, a form of *echo*); forcefulness (literally or figuratively) – ability, might(-ily), power, strength.
- Each of us has unique strengths and talents, and abilities. We are to love the Lord our God with each of our own talents.
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The Goal

13 “**You are the salt of the earth.** But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

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Matt 5:13-14

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Definition of Light

Light's Role

- To show hope in darkness,
- hope in despair,
- wisdom in ignorance.

Light is the metaphor for:

- insight, clarity,
- direction, purpose,
- wisdom, and thought leadership.

It is given to lead yourself and others in the way to go

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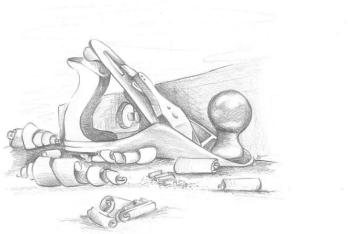
Example: Changing the destiny of a city

Kitimat is a district municipality in the North Coast region of British Columbia, Canada.



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Example of Light: Hearing God at work



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Example in Relationships

- When you do what he tells you, you show forth his light. Your actions become a demonstration of others how to live, how to act, how to be at peace with others.
- When you do not retaliate, when you turn the other cheek, when you bless and do not curse, you are moving in the opposite direction to the world and you are light.

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Example: Showing kindness

- Attending to a person's physical needs, like bringing them a drink, or a coffee, we are being kind.
- Considering their time is a real area to show kindness.
- Not being demanding, but being sensitive to others issues, problems, and frustrations,
- Being patient and waiting for person to finish what they are doing, and not demanding attention, is being kind.
- Not being a bully or raging until you get attention is one of the best ways to show kindness.
- Consider the person on a helpline, or a cashier who is bullied by a customer all day.

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Example: Pray for the sick

- Man with the crushed knee
- Joanna

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Personal Application: Journaling Exercise

**Father, what would you like to say to me about
being the light of the world?**

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