# Life and Character Development

Name:

Date:

## 10 Church

*Definition*: This dimension includes how we relate to one another in Christ through His Church as well as our specific roles and ministries that we are a part of.

*Objective: As a member of His body and fellow worker with Christ, living out the functions of His church*

*according to sound doctrine, building up one another in love and doing good to all people, especially those who*

*are the household of the faith, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God*

### 1. Worldview and Perspective (What is real and a source of truth?)

What does the world say about religion and the church? What does the bible say?

### 2. Beliefs (What do you believe?)

Write down your beliefs about the church and ministry

### 3. Values (What is good or important? What things do you place worth on?)

Write down things you currently value or consider important in terms of church and ministry

### 4. Behaviors (What do you do?)

What Christ-like characteristic is God calling you to grow in this dimension? Write down your current behaviors or habits and disciplines you would like to do

### 5. First Principles

Write down some of the first principles from this dimension. First principles are basic and fundamental propositions, concepts or assumptions that cannot be deduced any further and stand alone. They represent the first things that must be learned, upon which everything else is built.

### 6. Developing New Standards and Convictions based on Biblical Truth

(Develop your own list of standards and convictions to live by using the following template.

The Bible says\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I believe\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and value\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Therefore I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

## 7. Personal Development Plan

Personal Development Plans demonstrate your ability to plan according to your unique purpose, story, abilities, roles and responsibilities, resources, disciplines and determinations, and lifelong wisdom. Start to develop you plan for this specific dimension.

### My Story

#### Life Dimension Assessment

For this area of your life, complete an analysis for where you are at right now. What am I thankful for in this area?

What are some problems, frustrations, concerns or challenges in this area?

#### My Life Through the Decades

For every decade of your life up until now, record key events, people, experiences, challenges, and achievements for this area of your life.

0-10y:

10-20y:

20-30y:

30-40y:

…

### My Purpose

What role or roles do you currently have in this area? (ex. disciple, parent, student, etc). What responsibilities do you have that correspond with each of your roles? (with each role, include the approximate amount of time you spend every week in that role and responsibility)

Create your own personal life purpose/mission statement for this dimension based on what you believe about your identity and purpose.

### My Abilities

How has God equipped you in this area? List your assets, strengths, talents, spiritual gifts and skills in this area or your life. Include God-given spiritual gifts, and also those developed through life experience and study. An example in this area may be “ability to speak clearly in front of a large crowd, ability to lead worship and play an instrument, etc.”

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### My Legacy (dreams, goals, and desires)

Write down your dreams, goals, and desires in this area of your life. Goals are dreams with a deadline. Desires are things that you don’t have full control to accomplish (i.e. a loved one coming to Christ). You may include some dreams that have already come true or goals that have already been accomplished. Try and categorize them in terms of short (1-2yr), middle (3-10yr), or long (10+) term or legacy goals that will continue past your lifetime.

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### My Strategy

Develop a plan of action that takes you from where you are to where you want to be. A good plan will involve the following:

1. Set your goals and objectives
2. identifying resources based on your assets and abilities (may include other’s resources as well)
3. Identify the who, what, when, where, why, how
4. List specific steps and actions to do in the next 90 days
5. Monitor your progress and results

### My Habits (disciplines, habits and routines)

Write down some habits and routines that you would like to develop to further align your life with Scriptural guidelines and move you toward your personal dreams, goals and desires and then categorize them based on frequency (daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly)

### My Sources of Wisdom

Identify your primary sources of wisdom in this dimension (bible, educational materials, mentors, friends, books, news, social media, etc). Record specific bible verses related to this dimension. Who are some people whom you may know personally or may have written books regarding this area of your life? How can you engage those people to help further your growth and maturity? Update your habits and routines if needed to coincide with what you plan to develop.

## Appendix: Church and Ministry

### Biblical Worldview and Perspective – Passages regarding church and ministry

* Acts 2:42-47
* Acts 4:32-37
* Ephesians 1:9-10, 2:11-4:16
* 1 Thessalonians 4:1 - 5:12
* Titus 2:1-3:11

### Beliefs

* I believe that the Church is God’s family and His household
* I believe that the Church is God’s plan to make His wisdom know in this age

### Values

* Prayer, Fellowship
* Holiness and being set apart

### Behaviors

* Practicing spiritual gifts
* Edifying, encouraging and other ‘One anothers’

### Sample Standards

The Bible says that God is my Father and has redeemed me and adopted me as His Child. I believe that I am dead to sin and alive in Christ Jesus and can walk in righteousness and holiness. I value how God has called me to be and the things that He values so therefore I see myself as a saint and train myself in righteousness and godliness to bring glory to God my Father.

### Lifelong Learning and additional resources

#### Foundations

1. “The Form of the Church” by Howard Snyder
2. “A Distinctive Way of Life” by Kevin Perrotta
3. Going to Church in the First Century by Robert J. Banks (FP S1 B4)

#### Intermediate

1. The Community of the King by Howard Snyder
2. Sharpening the Focus of the Church by Gene Getz
3. Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
4. Paul’s Idea of Community by Robert J. Banks

#### Advanced

1. Becoming a Disciple Making Church by Neil Anderson
2. Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
3. Called and Committed: World Changing Discipleship by David Watson (FP S2 B4)
4. Why Revival Tarries by Leonard Ravenhill
5. Letters to the Church by Francis Chan
6. Finding Organic Church: Starting and Sustaining Authentic Christian Communities by Frank Viola
7. The Promise of God: God’s Unchangeable Purpose Through Human History by George Bristow
8. Church 3.0 Upgrades for the Future of the Church by Neil Cole