# Life and Character Development

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## 09 Core – Identity in Christ (Who are you?)

*Definition*: This dimension is about gaining an understanding of what it means have a new identity ‘in Christ’ as new creations and born-again believers.

*Objective: Developing a Biblical theology and growing in our understanding of our new identity in Christ*

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

What does the world say about your identity and who you are? What does the bible say?

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

Write down your beliefs about who you are in Christ

### 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 your identity in Christ

### 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. 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

## 6. 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.”

1. ….

### 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: Core – Identity in Christ

### Biblical Worldview and Perspective – Passages regarding identity in Christ

**A saint**

Acts 9:13, 32, 41; 26:10; Romans 1:7; 8:27; 12:13; 15:25, 26, 31; 16:2, 15; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 6:1, 2; 14:33; 16:1, 15;

2 Corinthians 1:1; 8:4; 9:1, 12; 13:13; Ephesians 1:1, 15, 18; 2:19; 3:8, 18; 4:12; 5:3; 6:18; Philippians 1:1; 4:21, 22; Colossians 1:2, 4, 12, 26; 1 Thessalonians 3:13; 2 Thessalonians 1:10; 1 Timothy 5:10; Philemon 5, 7; Hebrews 6:10; 13:24; Jude 3; Revelation 5:8; 8:3, 4; 11:18; 13:7, 10; 14:12; 16:6; 18:20, 24; 19:8; 20:9

**In Christ/Him**

Romans 6:11; 8:1; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 3:1; 15:22; 2 Corinthians 1:21; 5:17, 21;

Galatians 1:22; 2:17; 3:28; Ephesians 1:1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 13; 2:6, 10, 13; 3:6;

Philippians 1:1; 3:9; 4:7, 21; Colossians 1:2, 28; 2:10, 11; 2 Thessalonians 2:12;

2 Timothy 1:9; 3:12; Philemon 23; 1 Peter 5:14; 1 John 2:5, 6, 27, 28; 3:6, 24; 4;13, 15, 16, 20

**A child of God, adopted by Him**

John 1:12; 11:52; Romans 8:15, 16, 17, 21, 23; Galatians 3:26; 4:5; Ephesians 1:5; 5:1, 8; Philippians 2:15;

1 Peter 1:14; 1 John 3:1, 2; 5:1, 2

**An heir of God**

Romans 8:17; Galatians 3:29; 4:7; Ephesians 3:6; Titus 3:7; 1 Peter 1:7

**Beloved of God**

Romans 1:7; Colossians 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Jude 1

**A member of the body of Christ**

Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 3:6; 4:25; 5:30

**Alive to God At peace with God**

Romans 6:11 Romans 5:1

**Baptized into Christ A branch in the vine of Christ**

Romans 6:3 John 15:2

**A Christian A citizen of heaven**

Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16 Ephesians 2:19; Philippians 3:20

**Dead to sin A temple/dwelling of God**

Romans 6:2, 11; Colossians 3:5 Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 1:19; Galatians 2:20

**Free from condemnation Freed from bondage to sin**

Romans 8:1 Romans 6:7, 18, 22; 8:2; Galatians 5:1

**God’s workmanship Joined to Christ**

Ephesians 2:10 Romans 7:4

**A new creation Saved from the wrath of God**

2 Corinthians 5:17 Romans 5:9

**Sealed by the Spirit A slave of righteousness, of Christ**

Ephesians 1:13; 4:30; 2 Corinthians 1:22 Romans 6:18; Ephesians 6:6

### Beliefs

* I believe that I am a new creation and a child of God
* I believe that I have been freed from the bondage of sin and am now a slave of righteousness

### Values

* Righteousness
* Justice
* Holy, Blameless, Above Reproach

### Behaviors

* Godly behavior

### 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. *Sit, Walk, Stand by Watchman Nee*
2. *Restored* by Neil Anderson

#### Intermediate

1. The Exchanged Life Conference
2. Victory over the Darkness by Neil Anderson
3. The Bondage Breaker by Neil Anderson
4. Lifetime Guarantee by Bill Gilham
5. Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis (FP S1 B1)
6. The Normal Christian Life by Watchman Nee
7. Classic Christianity by Bob George

#### Advanced

1. Dan Mohler – 2011 HCSKL
2. True Spirituality by Francis Schaeffer (FP S1 B1) (FP S2 B4)
3. The Pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer
4. The Marvelous Exchange by Dick Flaten
5. Humility by Andrew Murray
6. The Spirit of Christ by Andrew Murray
7. The Deeper Christian Life by Andrew Murray
8. The School of Christ by T. Austin-Sparks
9. *Chosen, But Free* by Norman Geisler
10. *Back to the Gospel* by Peter Louis