# Character - Life and Ministry Development

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Date:

## 11 Devotions

*Definition*: This dimension includes the things in life in which we are to be devoted to, continuing to do them with intense focus and effort and perseverance despite difficulty.

*Objective: As a disciple of Jesus Christ and having access to our Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ, devoting yourselves to wholly to Christ through prayer, the study of God’s word, fellowship, and ministry to the saints.*

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

What does the world say about what we should devote ourselves to? What does the bible say?

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

What do you believe you should devote yourselves to?

### 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 devotions. This is often reflected in how you spend your time, money and attention.

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

What are some things that you currently devote yourself to? What are some habits or devotions that you would like to develop? What Christ-like characteristic is God calling you to grow in this dimension?

### 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: Devotions

### Biblical Worldview and Perspective – Passages regarding devotions

* 1 Kings 8:61
* Proverbs 2:1-5
* Matthew 6:24
* Acts 1:14, 2:42, 6:4, 13:2, 18:5
* Romans 12:10-13
* 1 Corinthians 7:5,35
* 1 Tim 4:6-15
* 1 Tim 5:10
* Col 4:2
* 2 Tim 2:3-7
* 2 Peter 3:14-18

### Beliefs

* I believe that Christians are called to devotion to Christ
* I believe that the things which we devote ourselves to are a reflection of our heart

### Values

* Spending time in God’s presence
* Knowledge of God and His word
* Spending time in community with other Christ-followers

### Behaviors

* Daily prayer and reading of scripture
* Weekly gathering together with other believers
* Constant awareness of God’s presence

### Sample Standards

* The Bible says that my devotion is to be toward Christ and Christ alone. I believe that the things which we devote ourselves to are a reflection of our heart and I value the knowledge and presence of God above all things. Therefore, I devote myself to consistent prayer and study of God’s word

### Lifelong Learning and additional resources

#### Foundations

1. The First Principles – Series 1 – Book 1 – Cultivating Habits of the Heart
2. The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence
3. “The call to study” by John Stott

#### Intermediate

1. The Pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer
2. Why Revival Tarries by Leonard Ravenhill
3. Valley of Vison
4. Intercessory Prayer by Dutch Sheets
5. Secrets of a Prayer Warrior by Derek Prince

#### Advanced

1. *The Complete Collection of E.M. Bounds on Prayer* by E. M. Bounds
2. BILD Leadership Series 1 – Habits of the Heart
3. Logos Bible Software