

# The Christ-Centered Life

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## I. Introduction.

### A. The “Obedient Christian in Action”

1. The rim of the Wheel is obedience.
2. Christ is the hub.
3. The spokes are prayer, the Word, fellowship and witnessing.

## II. What it means to have Christ as the center of one’s life.

A. It means that Christ is now living and dwelling at the rightful place on the throne of our hearts. (John 13:13)

B. It means that one would live for His glory and nothing else. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

C. It means doing God’s will.

1. Jesus’ food was to do God’s will.
2. Each of us has a work to do on this earth that no one else can.

D. It means living an obedient life. (2 Corinthians 10:5)

E. It means dying to self.

## III. How one keeps Christ the center.

A. The Word of God, but only with a view towards Jesus. (John 5:39-40)

B. Prayer. (Acts 4:23, 4:32-33)

1. Take circumstances of daily life to the Lord for peace.

2. True fellowship emerges when burdens are shared for prayer.

C. Witnessing. Without witnessing, one is dead.

IV. The function of the hub.

A. The power of the life comes here. The enigma of the Christian life is that when we are weak, we are strong. (John 15:5, 2 Corinthians 12)

B. It carries the weight. You can rejoice in tribulation when you understand why God is allowing it in your life. (1 Peter 5:7, John 16:33, Isaiah 53, Colossians 1:9, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 4:12, Romans 5:3)

**Application questions**

1. What does it mean to have a Christ centered life according to God's Word?

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2. Which area of keeping Christ the center would you like to grow in more? How will you do it?

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3. Why can people practice the elements of obedience such as prayer and Bible reading and not have power? Why is the "hub" essential?

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