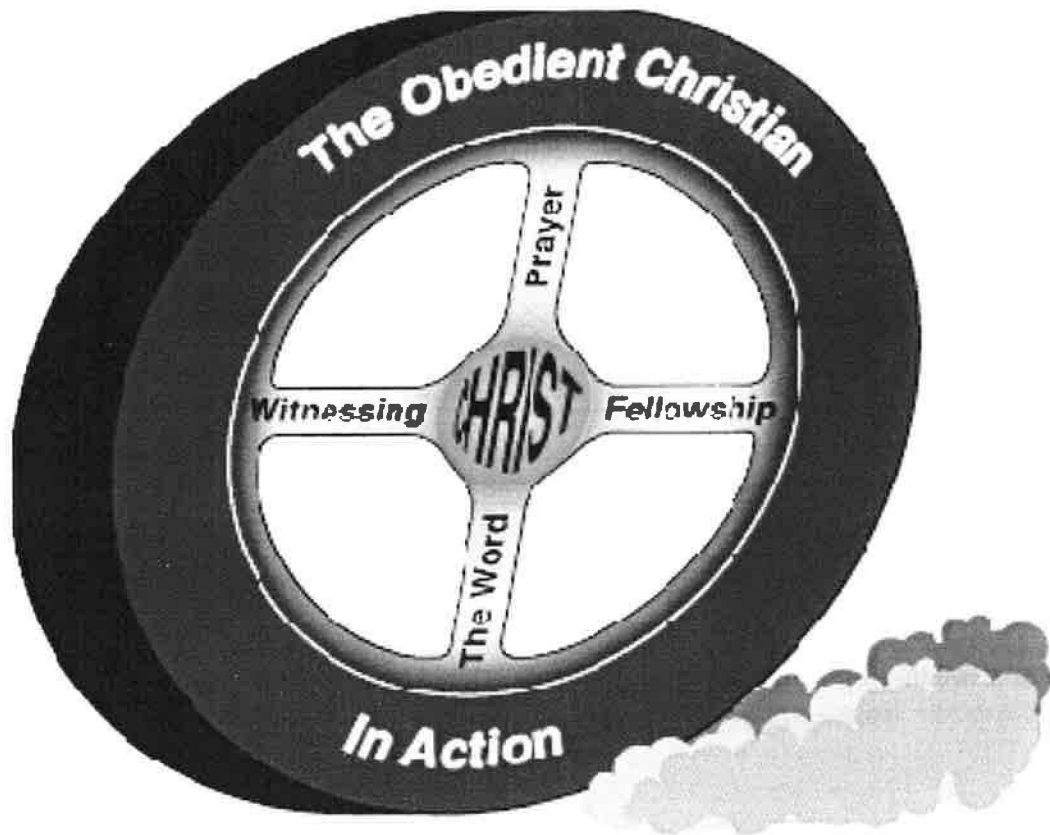


Christ the Center & Obedience to Christ

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The Wheel Illustration was developed by Dawson Trotman, founder of The Navigators, to help Christians understand their mission as disciples of Jesus Christ. Since the early 1930s, this word picture has encouraged countless Christians in their spiritual journey. In our workshop today, we are going to discuss the importance of Jesus Christ as the “Center” of our lives and our response of loving obedience to Him.

Key Verses:

Christ the Center

John 15:5
John 17:3
2 Corinthians 5:17
Galatians 2:20
Colossians 1:27

Obedience to Christ

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
Luke 6:46
John 14:21
Romans 12:1-2
1 John 5:2-3

1. According to Ecclesiastes 12:13 and John 14:15, how important is obedience in God's eyes?
2. According to Ecclesiastes 12:14 and Hebrews 4:13, how much of your obedience or disobedience is called to God's attention?
3. What did Moses teach Israel about obedience in Deuteronomy 8:6? Now compare this to 1 John 5:2-3. Has anything changed?
4. How did God view disobedience in relationship to their love for Him in Deuteronomy 8:11? Now compare this to 3 John 1:9-11. Has anything changed?
5. What is the relationship between meditation on the Word and obedience in Joshua 1:8-9, Psalm 1:1-3, and Psalm 119:9-11? How about with Matthew 7:24-27, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, and Hebrews 4:12?
6. Is motivation a factor in obedience? How do Matthew 23:2-7 and Matthew 6:1-6 speak to this?
7. What does God want men to do when they see an obedient Christian according to Matthew 5:13-16?
8. What is the relationship between obedience and love according to Matthew 22:37-40, 2 Corinthians 5:14-21, and Titus 2:11-15?

There are 77 messages from 16 different men concerning The Wheel on www.discipleshiplibrary.com. These messages are free! Commit to listen to one message a week over the next 18 months. You would have a greater understanding about these Scriptures than the vast majority of pastors and laymen! Imagine the possibilities to encourage other men in your workplace, neighborhood, and church! Take the initiative!

Key Points

- The balance and shape of the wheel comes from the hub. The balance and shape of the Christian comes from Jesus Christ.
- The power for the wheel to move comes from the hub. The power for the Christian to move comes from an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.
- The direction for the wheel comes from the hub. The direction for the Christian comes from an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.
- When the wheel is moving, you do not see the spokes, only the hub. When the Christian is following Jesus Christ, you and others will not see the Christian life as an end unto itself, but as a dynamic relationship with the risen King!
- The rim on a wheel is where the 'rubber meets the road.' This is the reality of living the daily life of following Jesus Christ.
- Jesus Christ demands our obedience.
- Make no mistake; there are many challenges to daily obedience to Jesus Christ.
- It is impossible to say we love Jesus Christ and not to seek to obey Him.
- "Obedience is love reciprocated back to God."
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