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Kingdom Kids



PARENT GUIDE

Living in a Community of Love and Joy

About L.I.G.H.T. Kingdom Kids® Series

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MISSION

The Way

VISION

Forward
GOAL

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

(John 17:3)



VISION:

Guide kids to glorify God and live the reality Jesus taught.

MISSION:

Empower kids to embrace their identity in Christ.

GOAL:

Teach kids biblical truth and Christlike character.



PROGRAM TIMELINE

Founding Years

We focused on building an organization to help people experience God-centered relationships by providing resources to heal and strengthen marriages, parenting, and life experiences.

Focusing our Impact

We continue building on our core values and mission by developing partnerships to produce lasting, positive change in communities by bringing youth discipleship and character formation to local churches and foster care programs to increase our impact.

2018-2021

Expanding our Reach

We continued developing our kid's program during the 2019 pandemic, adding character formation and a biblical whole-child assessment while expanding our reach to address the universal lockdown isolation and loneliness issues facing 200 students at Christian Heritage School.

2021-2024

2024 – present

Equipping Disciples

We establish our vision to partner with kingdom-minded disciples and communities to equip every child with Christlike character for a generational legacy to impact God's eternal world.

Beyond today



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PROCESS





Process

1

Connect Teach Model

We connect intentionally with kids to build trust and understand their thoughts, feelings, beliefs, and life experiences as we model how they can live the reality Jesus taught.

2

God-Centered Character Formation

We focus on a God-centered Christian worldview that develops Christian values and character vs. a self-centered behavior modification program.

3

Whole-child Assessment (*Heart, Mind, Body, Soul*)

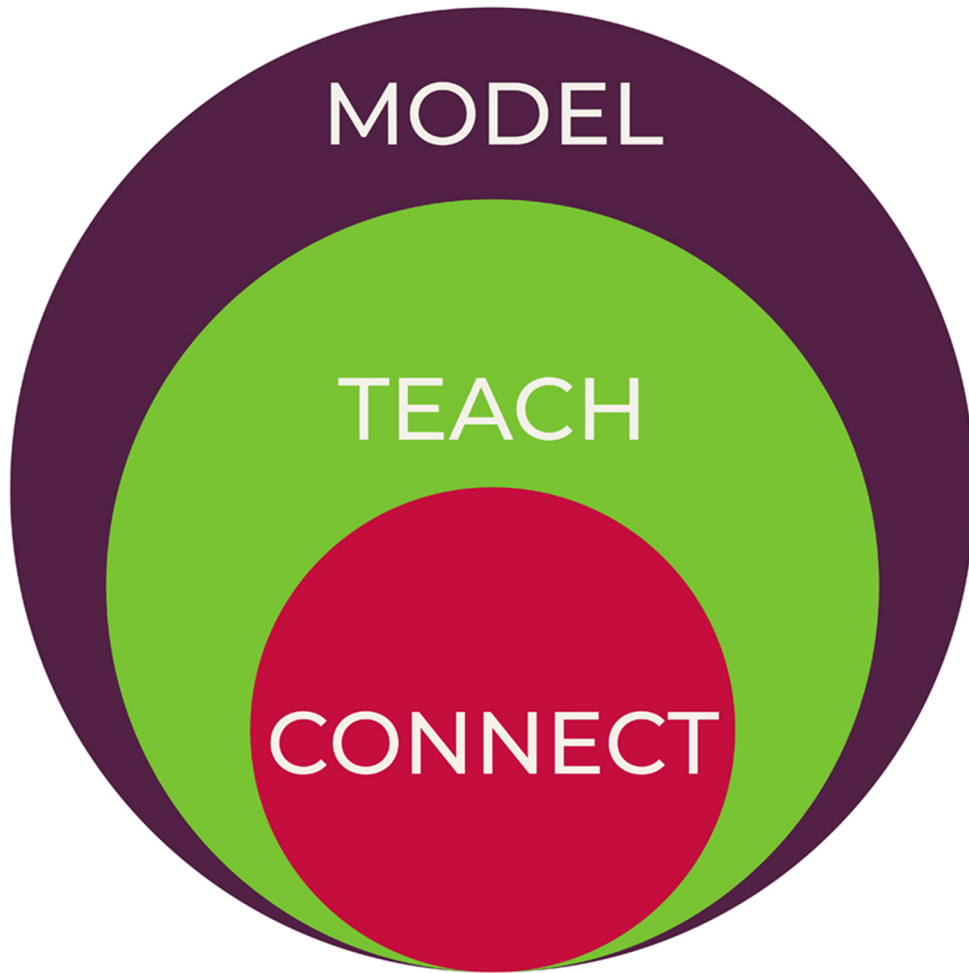
We assess each child to understand their thoughts and feelings and what motivates their behaviors to help them respond to disappointments with integrity and maturity.



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CONNECT-TEACH-MODEL





01 CONNECT

Build Trust

02 TEACH

Biblical Truth

03 MODEL

Christlike Character



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WHOLE-CHILD ASSESSMENT



Non-Christian VS Christian Worldview

SELF-centered vs. GOD-centered

Non-Christian (secular) social-emotional learning (SEL) programs aim to make children more obedient through self-regulation and behavior modification. But Jesus shows us that external behavior is nothing more than that. External. Change must come from inside our hearts; only internal transformation produces Christlike character.

01.

*Non-Christian
Social-Emotional
Learning is
SELF-Centered*

Promotes
SELF-awareness,
SELF-management,
and SELF-reliance
to SELF-regulate
emotions.

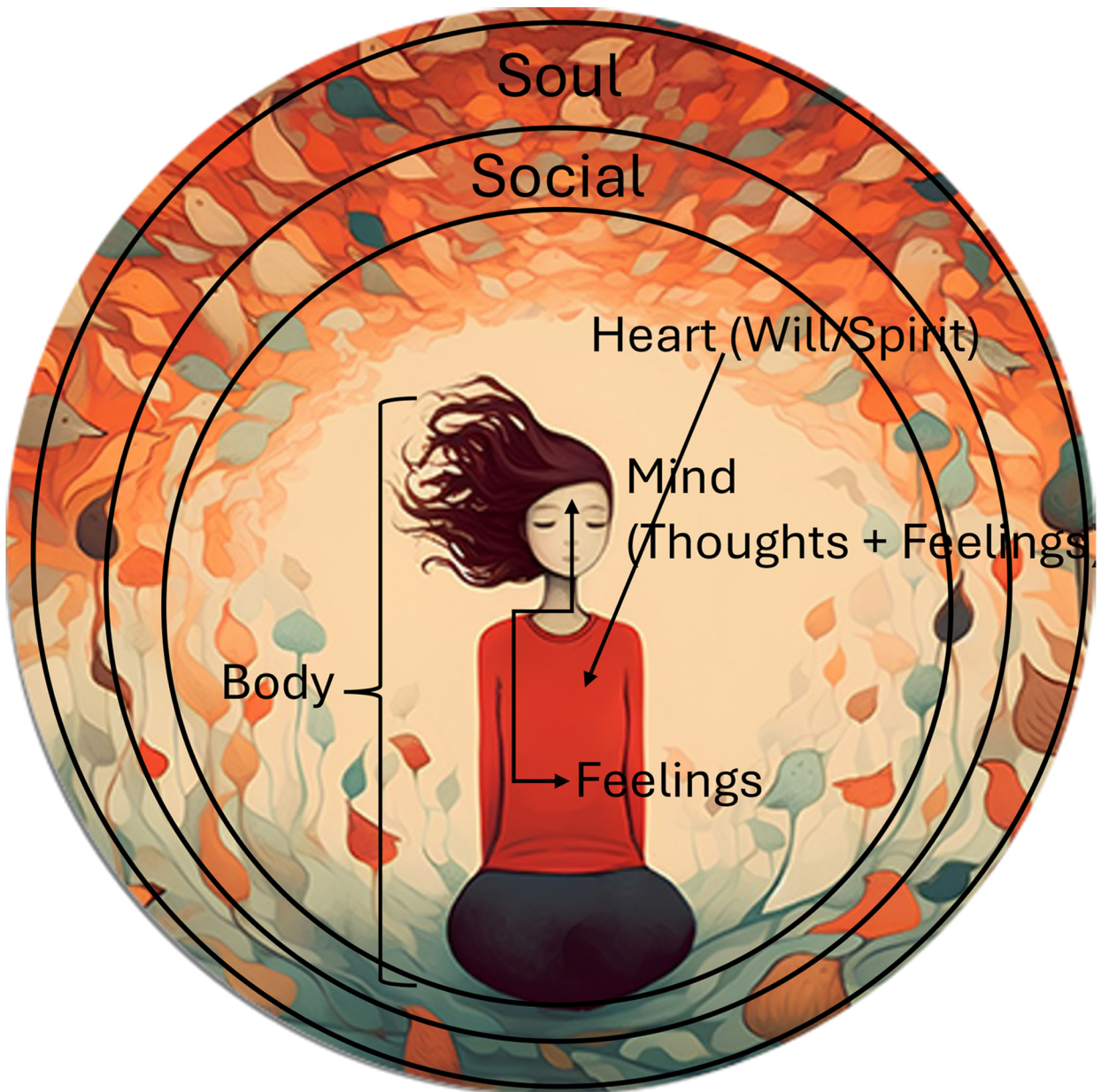
02.

*Christian
Social-Emotional
Learning is
GOD-Centered*

Knows it's GOD'S
strength and not
their own and they
surrender their
control to GOD to
become CHRISTLIKE.



PHILOSOPHY





3-6-9 Philosophy

3 STEPS

Overarching Theme

1. Know
2. Let Go
3. Become

6 QUESTIONS

Foundational Theme

1. Who is God
2. Who am I?
3. Why am I here?
4. Where am I going?
5. How do I get there?
6. What happens next?

9 FRUIT

Underlying Theme

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self-Control

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REAL Relationships

Respect

Encourage

Accept

Love

3 Steps

Know-*Let Go*-Become

Becoming Christlike is a journey. Everyone makes mistakes, but God wants us to be in relationships with people who will help us. When kids get frustrated, it's important to discern if they have the correct view of God and if they have let go of their control to allow for God's will. When an accurate knowledge of God and the will of God align, we are in union with God.



Know

KNOW GOD FAITH

Our greatest need is a correct view of God from which everything else flows. Our life problems result from an inaccurate knowledge of God. "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." ~A.W. Tozer

01/

Let Go

SURRENDER CONTROL Faith + Will

We surrender our need for control to God and trust Him in everything. When we open our hearts and minds to God, we have complete faith in Him, we believe His promises, and we are free of fear.

02/

Become

BECOME CHRISTLIKE Union with Christ

Our life goal is to be set apart and made holy for God's special purpose. When we unite with Christ, we become holy and in union with God. "It's not what you do in life, it's who you become." ~Dallas Willard

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6 Life Questions:

1-Who is God?

2-Who am I?

3-Why am I here?

4-Where am I going?

5-How do I get there?

6-What happens next?

*Ask, and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find; knock, and it
will be opened to you. (Matthew 7:7)*

6 *Life Questions*

Our foundational theme addresses six life questions every child asks.

01

Who is God?

Holy
Love
Truth

02

Who Am I?

Image Bearer
Son/Daughter/Heir
God's Workmanship

03

Why Am I Here?

Glorify God
Magnify God
Love God and Others

04

Where Am I Going?

To Do The Works of Jesus
To Shine Your Light
Seeking The Kingdom of God

05

How Do I Get There?

Follow Jesus
Abide in Jesus
Let the Holy Spirit Guide You

06

What Happens Next?

Become Christlike
Unite With God's People
Be Holy as God is Holy

Who is GOD? 1

Holy, Love, Truth

HOLY: For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. (Leviticus 11:44)

LOVE: So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (1 John 4:16)

TRUTH: Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)



Who AM I?

*Image Bearer, Son/Daughter/
Heir, God's Workmanship*

IMAGE BEARER: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)

SON/DAUGHTER/HEIR: So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

(Galatians 4:7)

GOD'S WORKMANSHIP: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)



Why am I HERE?

*Glorify God, Magnify God,
Love God & Others*

GLORIFY GOD: I will say to the north,
Give up, and to the south, Do not
withhold; bring my sons from afar and
my daughters from the end of the earth,
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory, whom I
formed and made.” (Isaiah 43:6-7)

MAGNIFY GOD: I will bless the LORD at
all times; his praise shall continually be in
my mouth. (Psalm 34:1)

LOVE GOD & OTHERS: “You shall love the
Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your
strength and with all your mind, and your
neighbor as yourself.” (Luke 10:27)



Where am I GOING?

*To do the Works of Jesus, Shining Light,
Seeking the Kingdom of God*

TO DO THE WORKS OF JESUS: “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. (John 14:12)

TO SHINE YOUR LIGHT: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD: But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:33)



How do I get THERE?

*Follow Jesus, Abide in Jesus, Let
the Holy Spirit Guide You*

FOLLOW JESUS: “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. (Matthew 16:24)

ABIDE IN JESUS: Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:4–5)

LET THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE YOU: And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, (John 14:16)



What happens NEXT?

*Become Christlike, Unite with
God's People, Be Holy*

BECOME CHRISTLIKE: The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,
(John 17:22–23)

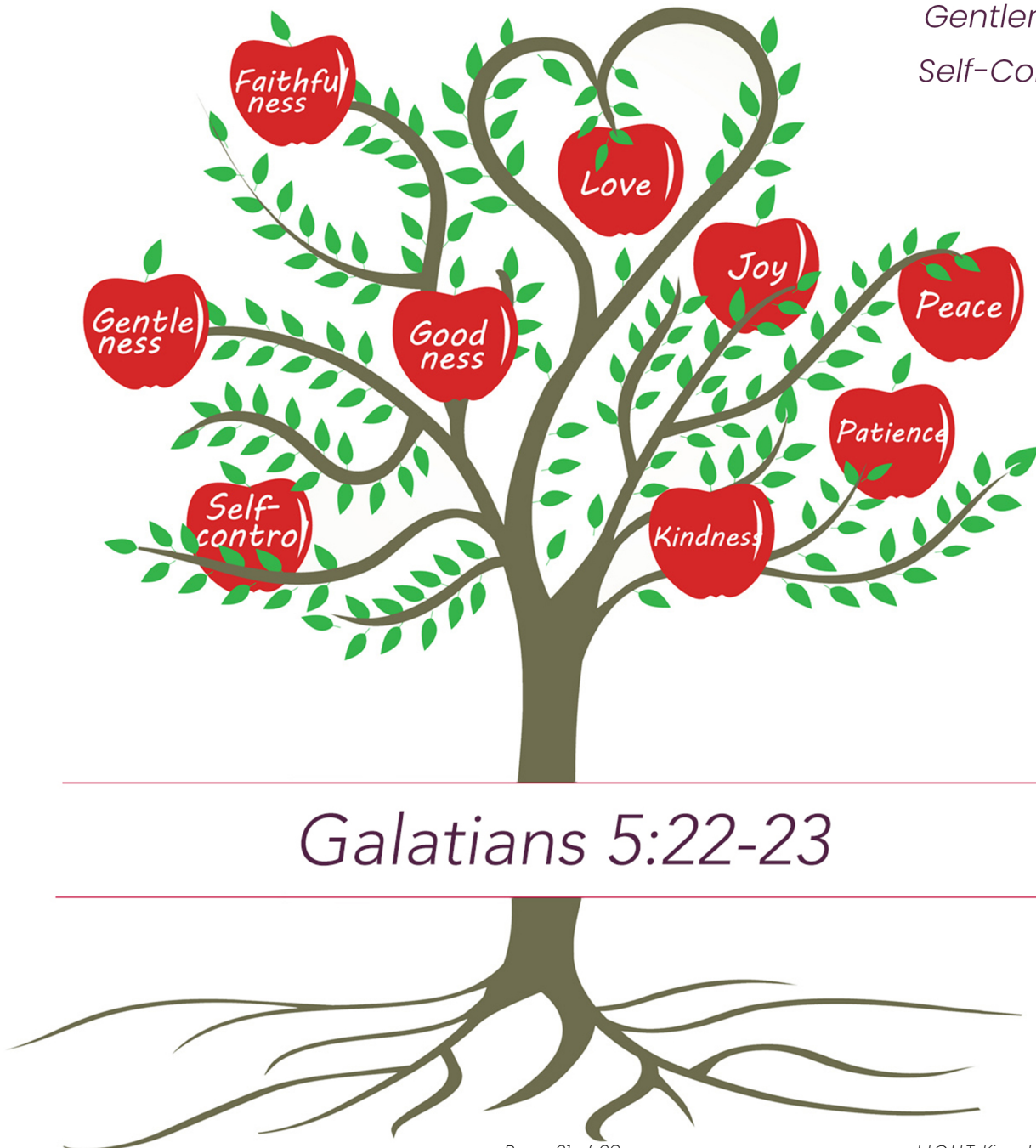
UNITE WITH GOD'S PEOPLE: for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (Philippians 2:13)

BE HOLY AS GOD IS HOLY: but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."
(1 Peter 1:15–16)



9 Character TRAITS

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-Control



Galatians 5:22-23



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Adult Spiritual Growth Series

The Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) are qualities or characteristics that should naturally grow in us as the Holy Spirit guides us to follow Jesus. These are essential characteristics of a Christian and are central to planting seeds in a child's formative years to teach character development. These qualities are like the "fruits" that grow from a good tree rooted in a relationship with God. They show that a person lives a life influenced by the Holy Spirit.

These qualities are:

1. **LOVE:** Wanting what is best for others by putting their needs above yours, speaking the truth to others, (even when the truth is not easy), and helping them avoid wrongdoing.
2. **JOY:** A condition (not a feeling) that comes from knowing your heart, soul, mind, and body are well, even if your circumstances are not.
3. **PEACE:** A confidence and trust in God's control of your life and a calm heart, free of trouble and fear.
4. **PATIENCE:** Continuing to love while not being selfish, jealous, or angry, and not complaining or giving up when we don't get our way.
5. **KINDNESS:** Extending compassion, empathy, and goodwill toward others with gracious words and actions.
6. **GOODNESS:** Being kind, gracious, generous, and loving toward others while respecting them.
7. **FAITHFULNESS:** Being steadfast, loyal, trustworthy, reliable, and true to your word.
8. **GENTLENESS:** Being kind and respectful toward others using a mild tone and attitude in your speech and actions.
9. **SELF-CONTROL:** The ability to control your emotions, desires, and actions in a way that honors God and benefits others over yourself.



I AM THE VINE

You are the branches.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
Apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

The Fruit of the Spirit has three parts that are interdependent and will be present in different measures in every Christian life:

1. Our essential nature (love, joy, peace)
2. Our relationships with others (patience, kindness, goodness)
3. Our character before God (faithfulness, gentleness, self-control)

God promises that His followers will bear fruit. Fruit in the life of a Christian comes from abiding in Jesus.

Christlike Character

Love

Wanting what is best for others by putting their needs above yours, speaking the truth, and helping them avoid wrongdoing.

Christlike Character

Joy

Joy is a permanent condition inside you (different than a changing feeling) that comes from knowing you are okay, even if your circumstances are not.

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REAL



Living in REAL relationships with Fruit of the Spirit character is our underlying theme. Kids are “learning by doing” as we teach them how to live the Greatest Commandment to love God and love our neighbor.

Relationships



REAL *Relationships*

Respect every person's irreplaceable value and dignity.

Encourage others with sincere words and actions.

Accept others for who they are without judgment.

Love every person by wanting what's best for them.

Living in *Real* Relationships

Respect every person's irreplaceable value.

EVERY LIFE IS VALUED BECAUSE WE REFLECT GOD:

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)



THE GOLDEN RULE:

“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 7:12)



RESPECT ALL PEOPLE, OUTDO ONE ANOTHER WITH HONOR:

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. (Romans 12:10)



Living in *Real* Relationships

Encourage others with sincere words and actions.

GIVE GRACE TO YOUR HEARERS:

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. (Ephesians 4:29)



ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER:

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)



EXHORT ONE ANOTHER EVERY DAY:

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. (Hebrews 3:13)



Living in *Real* Relationships

A ccept others without judgment.

GOD'S RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT:

For God shows no partiality. (Romans 2:11)



WELCOME ONE ANOTHER:

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)



ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS:

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)



Living in *Real* Relationships

Love others by wanting what is best for them.

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT:

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31)



A NEW COMMANDMENT:

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)



DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE:

Let all that you do be done in love. (1 Corinthians 16:14)

