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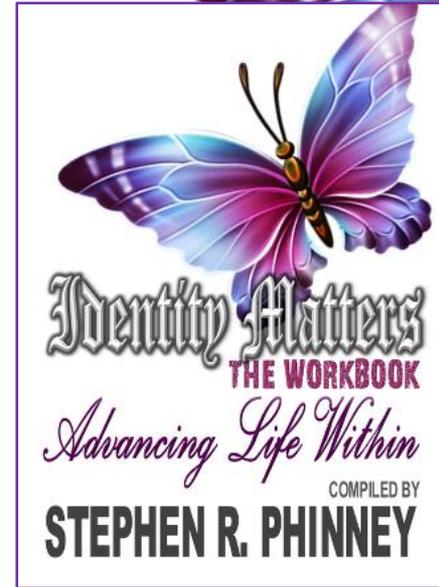
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# Exchanged Life

This term was originally used by Hudson Taylor to define the exchange that takes place upon Salvation – we exchange our life for His. Many teachers of the Cross also use this term to explain an indwelt believer appropriating their co-death, burial, and resurrection with Christ. One of the most common Scriptures used in this exchange is Galatians 2:20, “Not I, but Christ.” All believers in Christ receive the exchanged life upon the moment of their Salvation.





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## 77 TRUTHS FOR 7 AREAS OF LIFE

### 7 INTRODUCTIONS

1. Exchanged Life
2. Models of Madness
3. Phases
4. Discipleship Defined
5. Discipling Others
6. Embracing Authority
7. Solutions vs Coping

### 7 TEACHINGS

1. Godship
2. Problems
3. My Flesh
4. Repentance
5. Identity in Christ
6. Forgiveness
7. Love Life

### 7 AREAS OF LIFE

1. Physical
2. Spiritual
3. Psychological
4. Social
5. Marital
6. Parental
7. Financial

### 7 DEADLY SINS

1. Violating Life
2. V - Authority
3. V - Hebrew Family
4. V - Morality
5. V - Trinity
6. V - Unity
7. V - Knowing Him

(+7Prayers)

### 7 PRAISES OF THE CROSS

1. Fighting Our Battles
2. Walking the Road of Persecution
3. Savior Who Identifies
4. Everlasting Forgiveness
5. Co-Death, Burial, Resurrection & Ascension
6. Raised Me Up in New Life
7. Savior That is Righteous

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### 7 VICTORIES

1. Honor
2. Love
3. Acceptance
4. Sealed as Bride
5. Finality of Sin
6. Surrender
7. Provision

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### 7 APPLICATIONS

1. Repentance
2. Identification
3. Disciplines
4. Obedience
5. Fruit of the Spirit
6. Victory
7. Vision

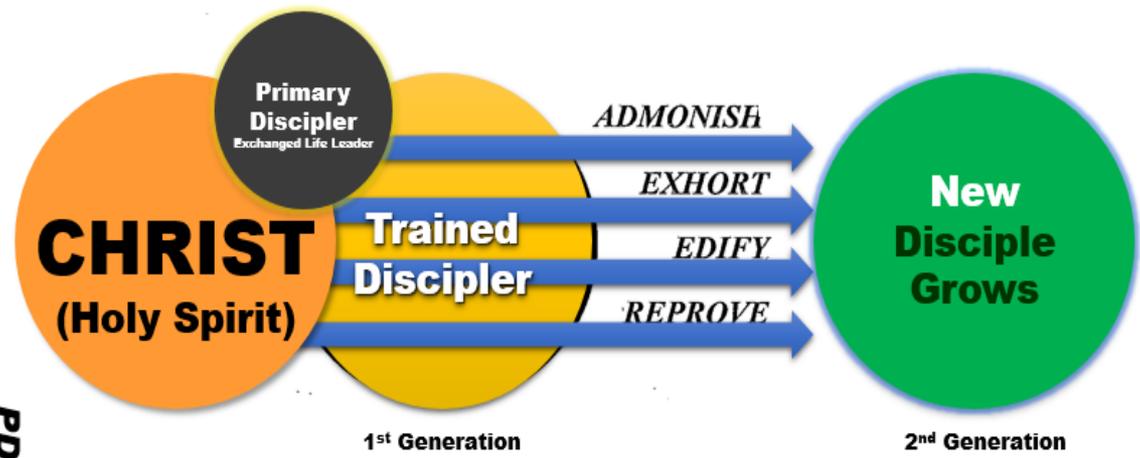
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## The 77 Truths for 7 Areas of Life

1. First being the **7 Introductions** topics, each having their own diagrams depicting the necessity for equipping.
2. The **7 Teachings** are the primary teaching needed to reveal the problems and solutions to identity issues.
3. The **7 Areas of Life** are the elements of life that the seven teachings immediately affect.
4. The **7 Deadly Sins** are the primary acts of rebellion that destroy identity in Christ.
5. The **7 Applications** reveals the primary practical applications of identity Truths.
6. The **7 Victories** show the results of applications made.
7. The **7 Phases of the Cross** are the ongoing appropriations needed to maintain positional identity.

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## Generational Gospel – Trained Discipeler



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**Primary Discipeler steps back – becomes overseer. 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Disciple, now a trained Discipeler, steps forward to grow others in and through Christ.**

It should be the goal of all disciplers to turn their disciples into disciplers – pass it on.

1. Note the **“primary”** discipler discipling and training the 1<sup>st</sup> generation of disciples (the person in front of you).
2. The **1<sup>st</sup> generation disciple** shares what they are learning with a friend or loved one – 2<sup>nd</sup> generation. The 2<sup>nd</sup> generation disciple is trained to give what they are learning to another – 3<sup>rd</sup> generation etc. This should start on or around the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
3. **This is the method used** by the early disciples – Paul and Timothy being great examples.
4. **Results:** the church and its members are equipped in Christ as Life discipleship.



## What Is Discipleship?

**Disciple** (mathetes) means “a learner” – one who willingly accepts instruction.

**Discipler** (didaskalos) is an “instructor,” or “teacher,” who produces followers of a discipline of a particular teacher.

**Discipline** (paldeuo) to influence conscious will and action through methods of correction to promote conformity to Divine Truth.

It is important for the disciple to understand the Biblical definitions of discipleship.

1. **Disciple**, means to be “a learner” or one willing to accept instruction.
2. **Discipler**, means to be an instructor, or teacher, who produces followers of a discipline of a particular teacher – in this case, Christ Jesus.
3. **Discipline**, is to influence a conscious will and action through methods of correction in order to promote conformity to Divine Truth – that of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Please remember that this aspect of discipleship often times stimulates rebellion in the minds of those being disciplined. Few believers today can openly accept correction.



## What Is Discipleship?

Continued . . .

- **Discipleship** = The process in which an instructor, teacher or mentor uses to influence a willing learner to follow a particular leader in beliefs and deed.
- **Christ-centered Discipleship** = A Servant Leader (disciple of Christ) who is compelled to voluntarily instruct others in becoming a follower of Christ Jesus in Truth and deed. When fronted with lies (truth out of context), he/she is not timid about reproofing, correcting and re-instructing by making use of Divine Truth – the Bible.

Most who submit to a discipler for assistance are uptight, fearful and curious. Revealing the true definition of discipleship will remove most of these road blocks.

1. **Discipleship** is the process in which an instructor, teacher or mentor uses to influence a willing learner to follow a particular leader in beliefs and deeds – in this case, that of Jesus Christ.
2. **Christ as Life**, or centered, discipleship is a servant leader (disciple of Christ) who is compelled to voluntarily instruct others in becoming a follower of Christ in Truth and deed. When fronted with lies (truth out of context), the discipler is not timid about reproofing, correcting and re-instructing by making use of Divine Truth – the Bible.

*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; (2 Timothy 3:16)*

# Components of Discipleship

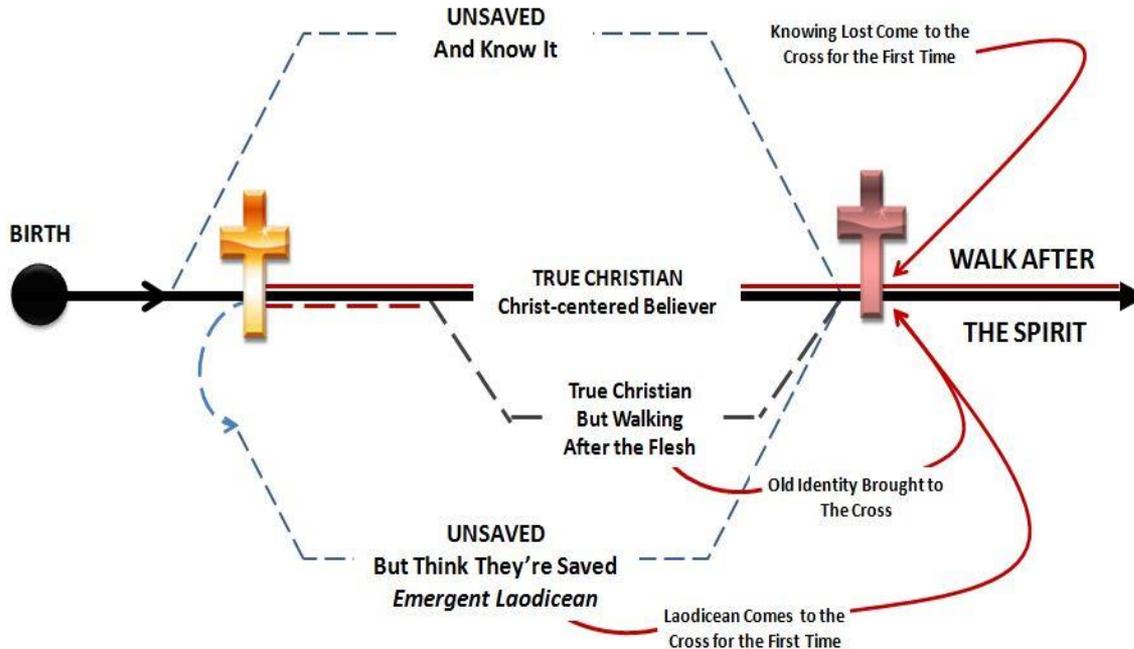
2 Timothy 3:16

Scripture	Application	Action	Process	Result
Doctrine	Believing	Righteous Thinking	<b>DISCIPLESHIP</b> Producing: repentance, identity in Christ, discipline, obedience, first fruit, victory and vision.	Transformational Biblical Worldview
Reproof	Problems (Rejecting Lies)	Righteous Choosing		Living & walking in Truth and true Identity in Christ
Correction	Turning (Rejecting old patterns)			
Instruction	Training (Practical elements of change)	Living Righteous		

This chart clearly shows the five phases of discipleship – scripture, application, action, process and results.

- Biblical doctrines** produce beliefs, from beliefs come righteous thinking, righteous thinking forms identity and behavior comes from identity.
- Reproof** reveals lies that produce problems and by providing reproof (rejecting lies) righteous choosing can take place, which means proper discipleship can ensue – resulting in walking in & after the Spirit.
- Correction** challenges believers to turn from sinful old patterns, that ultimately produces righteous choosing, which leads to effective discipleship and appropriation of walking in the Spirit.
- Instruction** opens the door for training and living righteously. These elements convert the disciple into a discipler.

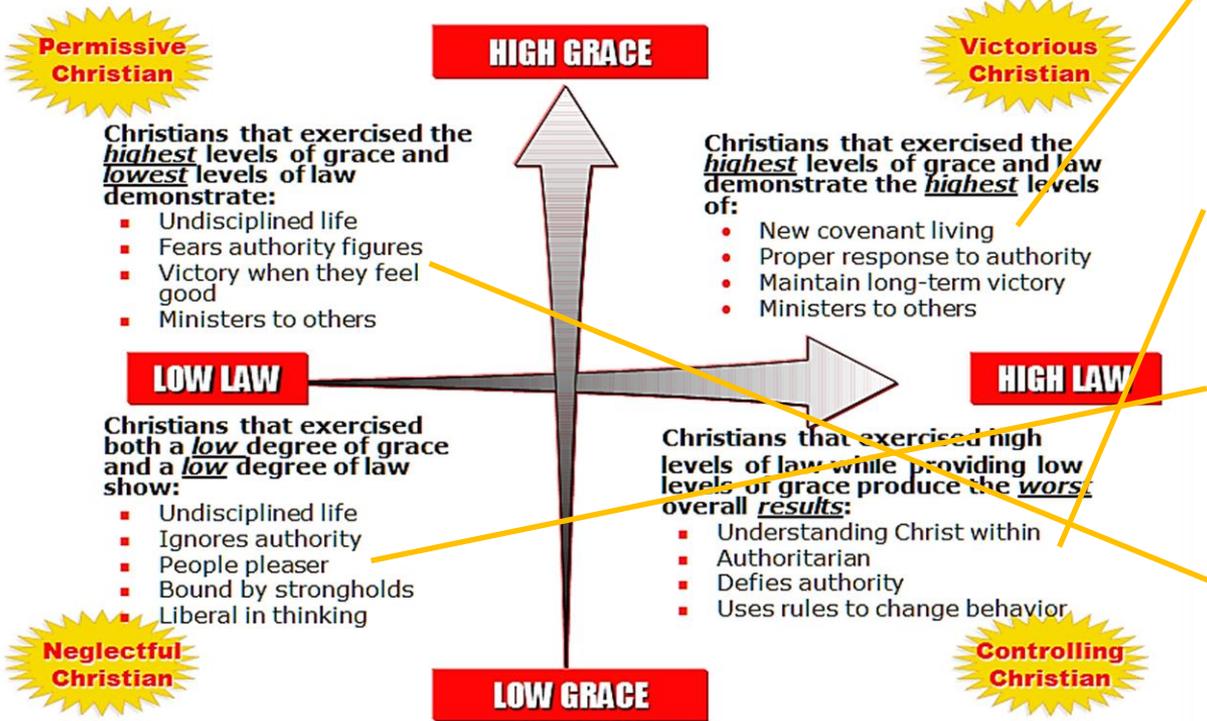
## Profile Of Man Laodicean & Unsaved vs. True Believer



Most “self-proclaimed” Christians are certain of their ticket to Heaven. This flow chart shows four possible pathways.

1. **Unsaved**, and they know it. This person does not pretend to know Christ.
2. **True Indwelt Christian**, one who knows of the day of their salvation as well as having a firm grasp on their identity - co-death, burial, resurrection and ascension with Christ. They walk in and after the Holy Spirit.
3. **True Christian but walking after their flesh** is one who is certain of the day of their salvation but needs to be brought to appropriation of their identity in Christ.
4. **Unsaved but think they are saved** is an emergent Laodicean (lukewarm) “believer” who has never been indwelt by the Holy Spirit through salvation.

## Grace vs. Law



It is within most humans to go to the extremes of any truth or lie. Our diagram shows four “types” of Christians who position themselves in between any of the four points of Law & Grace.

1. **Victorious Christian** is a fair balance between High Grace and High Law – embracing the fullness of Grace, while respecting the Law of the Spirit of Life.

2. **Controlling Christian** is positioned between High Law and Low Grace – basically a authoritarian legalistic person.

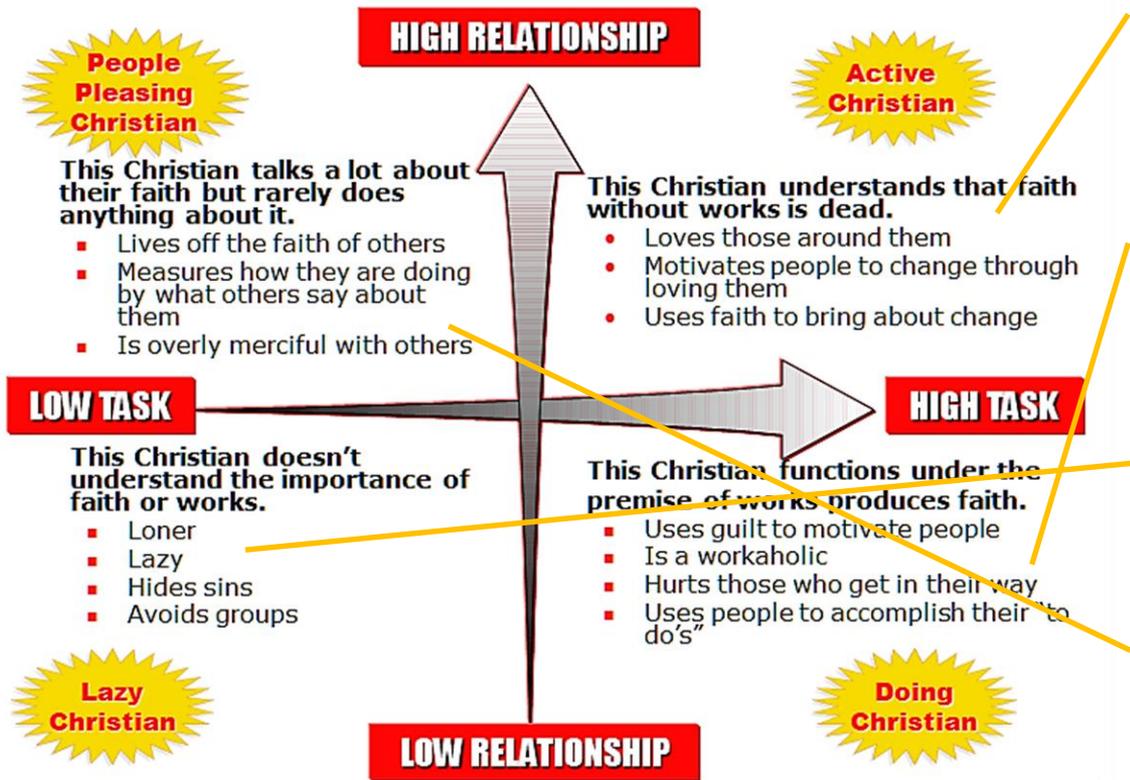
3. **Neglectful Christian** is one who neglects order/authority and is liberal/lukewarm in their doctrines of thought & function.

4. **Permissive Christian** is all about “grace” and little about rules, guidelines and discipline. This is the birthing place of the emergent church/Christian.



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## Task vs. Relationship



Our diagram shows four "types" of relationship models that people tend to choose – Active Christian, Doing Christian, Lazy Christian & People Pleasing Christian.

1. **Active Christian** understands that faith without works is dead, meaning, they are hard workers and apply their faith to their deeds.
2. **Doing Christian** functions under the premise of works produce faith, meaning, they use actions to change behavior at the price of loss of relationship.
3. **Lazy Christian** doesn't understand the importance of faith or works, meaning, they are loners that can't be motivated.
4. **People Pleasing Christian** talks the talk but can't seem to walk the walk, meaning, they are more interested in keeping people happy than pleasing the Lord.



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## Where Are You?

Exodus 11-12

Exodus 13-14

Exodus 13:18

Joshua 1

Joshua 1:3-7

<b>Egypt</b> <b>(Of The World)</b>	<b>Red Sea</b> <b>(Salvation)</b>	<b>Wilderness</b> <b>(Selfish Christian)</b>	<b>Jordon River</b> <b>(Identification)</b>	<b>Canaan</b> <b>(Walking In The Spirit)</b>
<b>PHYSICAL BIRTH</b> Δ Born in and of Adam Δ Bondage to Satan Δ Identity is Sin Δ Need of Salvation Δ Controlled by Satan Δ Satan is "father" Δ Spiritually Dead Δ Christ living on the outside Δ Lives in and from the "old nature" Δ Self as a lifestyle Δ Self as an identity	<b>SPIRITUAL BIRTH</b> † Salvation in Christ † Born again in Christ † Bond slave to Christ † Co-crucified with Jesus † Buried with Him † Resurrected with Him † Ascended and placed in heavenly place through Him † Saved by His Grace & Life † Delivered from all sin (past, present, & future)	<b>SELF-LIFE LIVING</b> ▼ Acting as unsaved ▼ Selfish but saved ▼ Functioning in unbelief ▼ Yielding to old father – Satan ▼ Disciplined by Holy Spirit ▼ Being brought to the end of self ▼ Christ as Savior, but not Life ▼ Uses self-effort to change behavior ▼ Attached to external things and people	<b>IDENTITY IN CHRIST</b> ‡ Brought to the end of self-life ‡ Identification with Christ's death, burial, resurrection, & ascension ‡ Self dispossessed ‡ Realization that Christ must live and function in & through them ‡ Releases the mind of Christ from within ‡ Ready to walk in & after the indwelling Holy Spirit	<b>EXCHANGED LIFE</b> ↔ Mind and Life of Christ released from within ↔ Empowered in & through the Life of Christ ↔ Self-effort renounced as a lifestyle ↔ Christ living through them ↔ Functions as a Bride of Christ ↔ Allows Christ to fight their battles ↔ Conformed into His image
<b>Gen. 2:16-17</b>	<b>Romans 5:9</b>	<b>Phil. 3:8-11</b>	<b>Gal. 2:20</b>	<b>Rom. 6:4</b>



The Exodus passage (Exodus 11-14) is a perfect road map to help disciples identify what phase of their spiritual journey they are presently positioned.

- Egypt** is a snap shot of an unsaved person, born into sin, in need of salvation and in bondage to the world, the flesh and the devil.
- Red Sea** is the spiritual birthing process of salvation, redemption from sin, forgiveness from all past, present and future sins and deliverance from the hand of the enemy – Satan.
- Wilderness** is the indwelt born-again Christian following, or walking, after their flesh – self-life.
- Jordon River** is the identification in Christ process, brought to the end of self and released in the mind of Christ.
- Canaan** is the living out of the exchanged life by way of the release of Christ from within.

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# BOTTOM LINE



**Many self-proclaimed “Christians” put their entire Christian experience in the day of their Salvation, or what they think is their “salvation.” Once saved, or NOT, they continue to function by making use of their own mind, will, and emotions.**

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