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# **Welcome**

Making the commitment to be “part of the family” is just the first step in a mutually beneficial experience. We hope you have seen a genuine love for the Lord as you have been attending services here at Call Unto Me Ministries (CUMM). We want to be a church that honors God and meets the needs of His people.

Our desire is for each member, regardless of age, to be growing and serving in ministry. In addition, membership is not just “another ritual” in the church. We do not want you to join CUMM and gradually disappear. We believe people **grow** when they are **serving God**. Serving God in the church is **a great rewarding experience**. Realize that personal and spiritual growth is enhanced when we **serve each other** “as unto the Lord.”

Our prayer is that as you join hands with the body of Christ here at CUMM, you will allow the Word of God, worship, prayer and all other aspects of this Church to speak to your heart resulting in a deeper and transformed like after the image of Christ.

Once again welcome to the family.

Honored to Serve,

Peter & Sheila Mutasa, Pastors

# **OUR STORY**

In 2012 the Lord placed an irresistible burden upon Pastor Peter Mutasa’s heart to start a work that is committed to making disciples that are fulfilled through an intimate relationship with Christ.

The founding scripture is **Jeremiah 33:3**, “**Call unto me and I will answer you and show you great and might things which you do not know**”.

Pastor Peter then shared this vision with his family. Pastor and his family then went into a season of prayer and laying down the foundation of the work as the Lord lead. All this culminated in the launch of the first church service on January 5th, 2013.

Since then God has graciously blessed his work with a special presence and work of the Holy Spirit in our gatherings. We cherish and welcome this presence of God as we know that "when the Holy Spirit is present" the needs of the people are ministered to adequately.

Our hope is that since God has led you here, you will together with us become an added blessing to the ongoing work of advancing God’s kingdom through CUMM. We truly believe that our best days are ahead of us. The CUMM Pastoral Leadership Team therefore invite you to join us on this JOURNEY to fulfill God’s assignment for his glory.

# **OUR PURPOSE**

“Let there be real harmony among you so there won’t be any split in the church. I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.” **1 Corinthians 1:10 (LB)**

# **Our Vision & Mission**

**VISION:**

To make disciples that are fulfilled through an intimate relationship with Christ. [**Jeremiah 33:3**]

Vision Phrase - ‘Fulfillment Through Intimacy With Christ’

**MISSION:**

CUMM vision will accomplished through 4-mission pillars of: [**LOVE, TEACH, TRAIN & RELEASE], (LTTR).** These 4-PILLARS are the core values that drive all our ministry endeavors through the programs and activities that we offer.

**LOVE**

“Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.” [**Matthew 22:37**]

**TEACH**

Committed to accurately teaching and preaching the Holy Scriptures so that each child of God is complete, totally furnished for all good works. [**1 Timothy 3:17**]

**TRAIN**

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this [is] the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. [**Isaiah 30:21**]

**RELEASE**

But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain —and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. [**Exodus 18:21**]

# **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

We believe that, both Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct. (2 Tim. 3:15-17)

We believe in a one true God who has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent "I AM", the Creator of heaven and earth, and the Redeemer of mankind.  He has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  (Deut. 6:4; Isa. 43:10-11; Matt. 28:19; Luke 3:22)  
  
We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The scriptures declare:  
(a) His virgin birth.  (Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:31, 35); (b) His sinless life.  (Heb. 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22)  
(c) His miracles.  (Acts 2:22; 10:38) (d) His substitutionary work on the cross. (1 Cor. 15:3; 2 Cor. 5:21); (e) His bodily resurrection from the dead. (Matt. 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Cor. 15:4) (f) His exaltation to the right hand of God. (Acts 1:9,11; 2:33; Phil. 2:9-11; Heb. 1-3)  
  
We believe that man was created good and upright, for God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."  However, man by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. (Gen. 1:26-27; 2:17; 3:6)   
  
We believe that man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God:  
a) Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ, (Luke 24:47)  
  
b) The inward evidence of salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit. (Rom. 8:16) The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness. (Eph. 4:24)  
  
We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto the resurrection of eternal life and the lost unto the resurrection of damnation and eternal punishment. (Rev,20:11-15)  
  
We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ and that all true believers are members of His body, the Church. (Ephesians 1:22-23; I Corinthians 12:12, 27)  
  
We believe that the ministry of evangelism is a responsibility of both the church and each believer. (Romans 10:9-15; Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20; I Peter 3:15)

# **CHURCH GOVERNMENT**

*“For God is not a God of disorder; but of peace... Everything should be done decently and in order.”* ***1 Corinthians 14:33 & 40***

Believers who invest their hearts, time, families and finances in the building of a local church deserve to have confidence in church leadership. People are looking for leaders who conduct themselves with integrity and respect when making decisions that affect their lives.

At CUMM, the Pastoral Leadership Team (PLT), led by Pastors Peter & Sheila Mutasa and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, oversees the day to day ministry and operations of the church.

All leaders are responsible to model a Godly lifestyle, provide a prayer shield for the members, defend and protect the integrity of the church, pray for the sick, mediate disputes, counsel, and represent the church to the community.

# **CHURCH FINANCES**

Here at CUMM we practice tithing for the support of Christ’s Body, the church as God commands.

We recognize that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical minimum standard of giving.

“A tithe of everything you produce belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.” **Leviticus 27:30**

Therefore, giving of tithes and offerings is worship to Jesus Christ and is an expression of the relationship between the individual giver and the Lord.

Furthermore, we believe that in addition to the biblical truths for giving, people are also willing to give if they are able to see honesty, integrity, and genuine spiritual values reflected in the lifestyles of their church leaders.

# **THE NEW BIRTH**

Just as a physical birth was necessary for you to come into this world a spiritual birth is required for you to go to Heaven. To be born again means, “**to have experienced a spiritual birth, the new birth.**” Being born again or the new birth is also referred to as “**salvation**” or having been “**saved**.”

# **THE NEED FOR SALVATION**

“Therefore, just as through one-man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men……...” **Romans 5:12**

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” **Romans 3:23**

People who basically run their own lives, doing things their own way rather than God’s way are called sinners. Therefore, they fall short of God’s standard and separate themselves from HIM.

**Man has sinned**

**Spiritual death is the consequences of sin**

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” **Romans 6:23**

**Man is dependent on God for salvation.**

“No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.” **John 6:44**

Many are deceived into believing that they can work their way into heaven. Being a good person will not get you into heaven nor will church activities or church attendance. Salvation is a gift from God.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.” **Ephesians 2:8-9**

**GOD HAS PROVIDED THE WAY FOR US TO HAVE AN ETERNAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM**

“For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.” **Romans 5:6-11**

We were helpless when God demonstrated His love to us.

We must be justified to be saved from the wrath of God for our sins.

We are justified through the death/blood of Jesus.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” **John 3:16**

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father, but through Me.” **John 14:6**

God Himself came to earth as a human being to bring us back to Himself. If any other way would have worked, Jesus Christ would not have had to come. **THE WAY** is a **Person**!

To become a Christian a person must make a willful decision to put his trust in Jesus as the only one that can save him from his sin. Our relationship to God is not restored by anything we do, but on the basis of what Jesus already did for us!

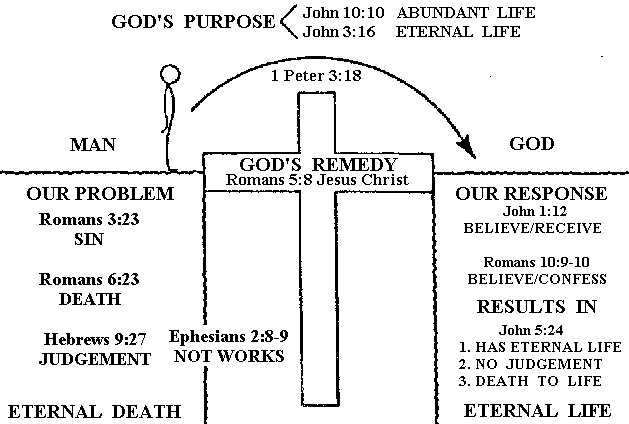
“that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.” **Romans 10:9-10**

* **Believe**
* **Confess Jesus as Lord**

**THE Bridge Illustration**

The “**Bridge Illustration**: helps us understand the problem of sin and God’s plan for redemption.

**John 3:3**



* Do you know for certain that you will go to heaven?
* What would you say if God asked, “Why should I let you into heaven?”

**HOW CAN I RECEIVE CHRIST?**

* Admit your need (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_), and turn from your sin (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_). **Acts 3:19**
* Believe that Jesus Christ died on the (cross) for you and rose from the (grave). **John 3:36**
* Confess your (sins). 1 **John 1:9**
* Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit. (**Receive Him** **as (**\_\_\_\_\_**)** **and (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_). **John 1:12**

**HOW DO I PRAY FOR SALVATION?**

Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Savior. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

“For whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.” **Romans 10:13**

**HOW SECURE IS THE BELIEVER?**

Satan can never steal your salvation from you. But he can rob you of the assurance of your salvation. Satan loves to sow the seeds of doubt in the hearts and minds of God’s people. If he can cause them to doubt their salvation, he’ll cause them to become easily discouraged, and a discouraged Christian is useless to the Lord’s work.

**What is “Assurance of Salvation?”**

It means that you know with absolute certainty that you have been born by the Spirit of God.

The Bible is the basis of our assurance.

**1 John 5:11-13**:

* **vs.11** - God has given us eternal life.
* **vs.12** - Those who have the Son have life.
* **vs.13** - This truth is given so you may know you have eternal life.

**Ephesians 2:8-10:**

* **GRACE**: unmerited favor
* **SAVED**: rescued
* **FAITH**: belief, trust

**What is the difference between Religion and Christianity?**

* Religion: **do**
* Christianity: **done**

Christianity is a relationship not a religion.

*I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.* ***John 10:28-29***

# **BAPTISM**

Baptism is not merely about being immersed, making a commitment, or joining a particular denomination or church. None of these things convey the real meaning of baptism. Baptism is about publicly identifying with Christ. It is an act of obedience. Baptism is an outward expression of an inward decision to align oneself with Christ and what He lived and died for.

If you were sprinkled as a child or christened, you have not been scripturally baptized. If you were immersed as an adult but had no intention on following Christ, you were not scripturally baptized. If you were sprinkled and have followed Christ since that time, you have not been scripturally baptized. If you were immersed and became a Christian later, you have not been scripturally baptized. Does that mean that Christ does not accept you or loves you less? Absolutely not. Does it mean that you are not saved if you haven’t been baptized? No. It means that as a believer, you need to be obedient and be scripturally baptized.

1. **Why Should I Be Baptized?**

* To follow the example set by Christ.

"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized by John in the river." **Mark 1:9**

* Because Christ Commands it.

“Jesus said, ‘Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and then teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.’” **Matthew 28:19-20**

* It demonstrates that I am really a believer.

“…many of the people who heard Him believed and were baptized.” **Acts 18:8**

“We know that we have come to know Him, if we obey His commands.” **1 John 2:3**

**2. What Is the Meaning of Baptism?**

A. **It illustrates Christ’s burial and resurrection.**

“Christ died for our sins… He was buried… and He rose again.” **1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

“For when you were baptized, you were buried with Christ, and in baptism you were also raised with Christ.” **Colossians 2:12**

B. **It illustrates my new life as a Christian**.

“When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside. The old life has passed away and a new life has begun!” **2 Corinthians 5:17**

“By our baptism then, we were buried with Him and shared His death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead… so also we may live a new life!” **Romans 6:4**

Baptism doesn’t make you a believer—it shows that you already believe. Baptism does not ”save” you; only your faith in Christ does that. Baptism is like a wedding ring—it is the outward symbol of the commitment you made in your heart.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith… it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” **Ephesians 2:8-9**

**3. Why Be Baptized By Immersion?**

Because Jesus was baptized that way.

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water.” **Matthew 3:16**

Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion.

(**Example**) “…then both Philip and the man went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water…” **Acts 8:38-39**

**Definition:**

The word “**baptize**” means “**to dip under water**.”

The Greek word **baptizo** means “**to immerse or dip under water**.”

**4. Who Should Be Baptized?**

Every person who has believed in Christ.

“Those who believed and accepted His message were baptized…” **Acts 2:41**

“But when they believed Philip as he preached the Good News… and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.” **Acts 8:12**

# **THE LORD’S SUPPER / COMMUNION**

The Lord’s Supper is like baptism in that both are symbols or reminders. Baptism is not our literally dying in the water and being literally resurrected. It is a picture of our salvation. In the same way, the Lord’s Supper is a picture of His sacrificial death to secure salvation for us.

Jesus gave the church two visible symbols (called “ordinances”) these two ordinances are: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is an object lesson that represents a great spiritual truth for believers.

**1. WHAT IS THE LORD’S SUPPER?** (**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**)

A. **It is a simple act of obedience**.

“The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread…” (**v.23**)

B. **It is a reminder**.

“…and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; eat it in remembrance of me.’” **(v.24**)

C. **It is a symbol**.

“In the same way, He took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; drink it to remember me.’” (**v.26**)

D. **It is a statement of faith**.

“For whenever you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes back.” (**v.26**)

**2. WHO SHOULD TAKE THE LORD’S SUPPER?**

Only those who are already believers. **Mark 14:22-26**

“For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” **1 Corinthians 11:29**

**3. HOW DO I PREPARE MYSELF FOR THE LORD’S SUPPER?**

“Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A person ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.” **1 Corinthians 11:27-28**

**4.** **WHEN AND HOW OFTEN SHOULD THE LORD’S SUPPER BE OBSERVED**?

Jesus never said when or how often believers should observe the Lord’s Supper. Churches differ on the frequency of the Lord’s Supper. Some churches observe this ordinance every week, and some once or twice a month or once a quarter. The book of Acts seems to indicate that the early church partook of the elements frequently and also that the event was tightly woven into the sermon (“apostles’ doctrine”), fellowship together, and prayer time.

Here at CUMM, we take the Lord’s Supper every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and can be changed anytime at the discretion of the Pastor.

# **WHY BELONG TO A CHURCH?**

“You are…fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household…” **Eph. 2:19**

**IMPORTANT TRUTHS**

The difference between **“attenders”** and **“members”** can be summed up in one word: **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).**

* An **Attender** is a **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).**
* A **Member** is a **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).**

**We ask you to commit to membership for 4 reasons:**

1. **A Biblical Reason:** Christ is committed to the church. “...Christ loved the church, and he gave his life for it.” **Ephesians 5:25**

**2. A Cultural Reason:** It is an antidote to our society.

We live in an age where very few want to be committed to anything...a job...a marriage...our country. This attitude has even produced a generation of “church shoppers and hoppers”. Membership swims against the current of America’s “consumer religion.” It is an unselfish decision. Commitment always builds character.

**3. A Practical Reason:** It defines who can be counted on.

Every team must have a roster. Every school must have an enrollment. Every business has a payroll. Every army has an enlistment. Even our country takes a census and requires voter registration. Membership identifies our family.

**4. A Personal Reason**: It produces spiritual growth.

The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to be accountable to each other for spiritual growth. You cannot be accountable when you’re not committed to any specific church family.

“Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” **Hebrews 10:25**

**Here at CUMM we believe that….**

* every member is a **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).**
* every task is **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).**
* every person is to be **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).**

**MEMBERSHIP COVENANT**

1. **I will protect the unity of my church...**

* By acting in love toward other members
* By refusing to gossip
* By following the leaders

(**Rom 14:19; Rom 15:5; 1Pet 1:22; Eph 4:29; Heb 3:17**)

2. **I will share the responsibility of my church...**

* By praying for its growth
* By inviting the unchurched to attend
* By warmly welcoming those who visit

(**1 Thes 1:12; Luke 14:23; Rom 15:7**)

3. **I will serve the ministry of my church...**

* By discovering my gifts and talents
* By being equipped to serve by my leaders
* By developing a servant’s heart

(**1Pet 4:10; Eph 4:11-12; Phil 2:3-4;7**)

4. **I will support the testimony of my church...**

* By attending church services and programs faithfully
* By living a godly life
* By giving regularly

(**Acts 2:42; Heb 10:25; Phil 1:27; 1Cor 16:2; Lev 27:30**)

# **DISCIPLESHIP**

Becoming a Christian is the beginning of a lifelong journey of obedience to Christ which transforms a person’s values and behavior. No one accepts Christ and is suddenly spiritually mature. Everyone begins the journey of spiritual growth at the same place—asking, what does it mean to follow Jesus? Discipleship is learning to be like Christ (**Ephesians 4:20**). Knowing Christ, instead of just knowing about Him, results in a spiritual transformation in life and heart, which reflects Christ to all we encounter. The call to discipleship is a call to transformation.

**What is Christian Discipleship?**

Discipleship is a process that begins after conversion and continues throughout a believer’s life. Discipleship is not an option for a church or believer. Believers are to disciple each other as mandated in the Great Commission. Mature discipleship means that you are living for the Lord in all areas of your life and Christ is the center of your life.

Christian discipleship is developing a personal, lifelong, obedient relationship with Jesus Christ in which He transforms your character into Christ likeness; changes your values into Kingdom values; and involves you in His mission in the home, the church, and the world.

A disciple of Christ is someone who responds in faith and obedience to the gracious call of Jesus Christ. Being a disciple is a lifelong process of dying to self while allowing Jesus Christ to come alive in us.

# **DEVELOPING THE ESSENTIALS OF A HEALTHY BELIEVER**

**HABITS OF A HEALTHY BELIEVER**

“...that you may become mature Christians and may fulfill God’s will for you.” **Colossians 4:12b**

“We are not meant to remain as children... but to grow up in every way into Christ...” **Ephesians 4:14-15**

**I. WHAT IS “SPIRITUAL MATURITY”?**

Spiritual Maturity is (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him... should become like his Son...” **Romans 8:29**

**II. FACTS ABOUT SPIRITUAL MATURITY**

“Take the time and the trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit.” **1 Timothy 4:7**

* **It is not automatic.**
* **It is a process.**
* **It takes discipline.**

**III. UNDERSTANDING DISCIPLESHIP**

“…And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. **Acts 11:26**

1. Mature believers are called **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)**

2. The term disciple comes from the word **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)**

3. The more like Christ I become **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)**

4. The mark of a disciple is (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**)

Jesus said, “Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” **Luke 14:27**

5. How often am I to do this? (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**)

Jesus said “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. **Luke 9:23**

6. What is involved in “cross bearing”?

**(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)** to give Christ first place in my life!

**IV. HOW CAN I BECOME A DISCIPLE?**

By developing the (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**) of a disciple**.**

“... You have put off the old self with its HABITS, and have put on the new self ... which God is continually renewing in his own image, to bring you to a full knowledge of himself**.” Colossians 3:9-10**

**Definition of “habit” (Webster’s II Dictionary):**

“A continual, often unconscious inclination to do a certain activity, acquired through frequent repetition. An established disposition of the character.”

**The habits of a disciple are:**

1. Bible study & prayer.
2. Fellowship with other believers.
3. Growing spiritually by living a Spirit led life.
4. Giving of yourself.

## **HABIT 1: BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER**

**Getting a Grasp on God’s Word**

“The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God’s way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone.” **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**I. HOW TO GET MORE FROM MY BIBLE**

**1.** I must (**Accept**) its authority

Your attitude toward the Bible makes a huge difference**.**

“We also thank God continually because, when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men, but actually as it is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe.” **1 Thessalonians 2:13**

**We believe in the closed canon of scripture:**

* There are not, nor will there ever be, any other books, verses or ideas added to the Bible or placed beside it as equal in authority or revelation.
* All preaching, teaching, prophesying or any other communication being declared in the name of the Lord is to be subject to measurement by the content of the Word of God.

**2**. I must (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**) its truths

* (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**) God’s Word

“Faith comes from hearing the Word of God.” **Romans 10:17**

* **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)** God’s Word

“Happy is the one who reads this book ... and obeys what is written in it!” **Revelation 1:3**

**How often should I read God’s Word?** (**DAILY).**

“(The Scriptures) shall be his constant companion. He must read from it every day of his life so that he will learn to respect the Lord his God by obeying all of his commands.” **Deut. 17:19**

* **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)** God’s Word

“...they accepted the message eagerly and studied the Scriptures everyday ...” **Acts 17:11**

* **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)** God’s Word

“Guard my words as your most precious possession. Write them down, and also keep them deep within your heart.” **Proverbs 7:2-3**

* **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)** on God’s Word

“(Those) who are always meditating on His Laws ... are like trees along a river bank bearing fruit ... they never wither and whatever they do prospers.” **Psalm 1:2-3**

* Meditation is (**\_\_\_\_\_**) about a Bible verse in order to discover how to apply its truth to life.
* **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)** God’s Word with an open Heart**.**

“Those on the rock are the ones who receive the Word with joy when they hear it, but they have no roots... Therefore, consider carefully how you listen.” **Luke 8:13-18**

The word **“receive”** is **dechomai** in the Greek It literally means **“to welcome”**

**3.** I must (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**) its principles

“Once you know these things you will be blessed if you do them.” **John 13:17**

**“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22**

**A. Claim His promises**

* **Battles –** 1 John 4:4, Luke 10:19, Rom. 8:37
* **Money –** Philippians 4:19, Psalm 1:1-3
* **Fear –** Psalm 27:1
* **Sickness –** Psalm 103:3
* **Confidence –** 2 Corinthians 3:6
* **Safety –** Psalm 121:8

**B. Share it with others**

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? **Romans 10:14**

**C. How to Apply Scripture:**

* **1st ask:** What did it mean to the original hearers?
* **2nd ask:** What is the underlying timeless principle?
* **3rd ask:** How could I practice that principle?

**II. TALKING WITH GOD**

Always be joyful. Never stop praying**. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17**

* In the beginning we were created to have fellowship with God but because of Adam’s fall
* Jesus sacrificed Himself to make a relationship with God possible.
* Jesus exampled a personal relationship with God through prayer, that gave Him great strength.
* Every person who has ever been effective in service for God has developed this habit.
* The only way to be a healthy Christian is to commune with God daily through prayer!

**1. The purpose of daily prayer time**

* To (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**) devotion to God.

“(Hezekiah) was successful, because everything he did ... he did in a spirit of complete

devotion to his God.” **2 Chronicles 31:21**

* To (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**) direction from God.

“Show me the path where I should go, O Lord; point out the right road for me to walk.

Lead me ...” **Psalm 25:4**

* **To (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)** delight in God**.**

“Delight yourself in the Lord; and he will give you the desires of your heart.” **Psalm 37:4**

* **To (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)** more like God.

“Jesus has the power of God, by which he has given us everything we need to live and to serve God. We have these things because we know him…. With these gifts you can share in being like God” **2 Peter 1:4**

**2. How to begin a daily prayer time**

* Select a specific (**\_\_\_\_\_\_**) and (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went to

a solitary place, where he prayed.” **Mark 1:35**

* Follow a simple (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**)

**How to Spend Fifteen Minutes with God:**

* Read a verse. **(4 Minutes)**
* Reflect on the verse. **(4 Minutes)**
* Record what God desires of you. **(3 Min.)**
* Request from God. **(4 Minutes)**
* See more **Resources** in the **Appendix**

“Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t faint / get discouraged and give up.” **Galatians 6:9**

**3. Use the model Jesus gave us**

“This, then, is **HOW** you should pray ...” **Matthew 6:9-15**

* **Praise**: I begin by expressing (**\_\_\_\_\_**) to God.

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name…”

* **Purpose**: I commit myself to doing God’s (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...”

* **Provision**: I ask God to (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**) my daily needs.

“Give us today our daily bread...”

* **Pardon:** I ask God to (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**) my sins.

“Forgive us our debts...”

* **People:** I pray for (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**) people.

“...as we have also forgive our debtors.”

* **Protection:** I ask for (**\_\_\_\_\_\_**) protection.

“And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.” (**vs. 13**)

## **HABIT 2: FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER BELIEVERS**

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage each other. **Hebrews 10:25**

**How can a church grow large yet maintain close friendships**?

Every member needs to be (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“(They met) day after day, in the Temple courts and from house to house.” **Acts 5:42**

“You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.” **Acts 20:20**

At **CUMM**, we believe our church must grow **LARGE**R and **SMALLER** at the same time

## **HABIT 3: GROWING SPIRITUALLY BY LIVING A SPIRIT LED LIFE**

**I. HOW WAS THE HOLY SPIRIT FIRST REVEALED?**

“Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now… you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” **Acts 1:4-8**

“Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: ‘Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?

Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? …we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!’

Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, ‘What does this mean?’ Some, however, made fun of them and said, ‘They have had too much wine.’

“Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. **Acts 2:1-17**

**II. WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

1. The Holy Spirit is a (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever…**John 14:16**

2. The Third Person in the (Trinity).

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.” **John 14:26**

**III. WHAT DOES SPIRIT LED LIVING PRODUCE IN OUR LIVES?**

1. (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever…” **John 14:16 KJV**

“So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.” **Acts 9:31**

2. (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ “But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. “But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. “And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment…” **John 16:5-8**

3. (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.” John 16:13

4. (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” **Acts 1:8**

5. (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” **Galatians 5:22-23**

6. (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit… Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.” **1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

**IV. LIVING A SUPERNATURAL LIFE**

One of the main purposes of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to connect us to the heavenly realms.

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.” **Ephesians 2:6-7**

“However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” — but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.” **1 Corinthians 2:9-10**

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below… And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” **Acts 2:17-21**

**God desires to give us:**

1. **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).**

A dream is a picture you have in your mind of a desired future; that which gets inside of you

and is beyond reason and is bigger than you on your own.

2. **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).**

A vision is that which is seen, an awake dream; you see something already done; you see something in “How to Steps”.

3. **(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).**

To prophesy is to speak forth biblical truth in the mind and counsel of God that cannot be known through natural means.

**V. HOW DO I RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

1. (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**) all barriers.

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **Acts 2:38**

2. (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**) the Holy Spirit.

“Now suppose one of your fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? “Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?” **Luke 11:11-13**

3. (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**) the gifts.

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” **1 Peter 4:10**

## **HABIT 4: GIVING OF YOURSELF**

“Just as you excel in everything else... in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness... see that you also excel in the grace of giving.” **2 Corinthians 8:7**

**I. THREE AREAS OF GIVING**

1. Give of your (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

Therefore, be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. **Ephesians 5:15-16**

2. Give of your (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. **1 Corinthians 12:7**

3. Give of your (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

If your gift is… giving, give generously. **Romans 12:8**

**II. SEVEN BENEFITS OF GIVING**

**1**. Giving makes me become like (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“Yes, you should tithe, and you shouldn’t leave the more important things undone either.” **Matthew 23:23**

**2**. Giving draws me (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**) to God.

“Where your treasure is, there your heart is also.” **Matthew 6:21**

**3**. Giving is the antidote to (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to be generous and willing to share. In this way they may take hold of the life that is truly Life!” **1Timothy 6:17-19**

**4**. Giving strengthens my (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of your income, and he will fill your barns to overflowing.” **Prov. 3:5, 9**

“Give and it will be given to you ... For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.” **Luke 6:38**

**5**. Giving is an investment in (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“...Give happily to those in need, and always be ready to share whatever God has given you. By doing this, you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven - it is the only safe investment for eternity.” **1Timothy 6:18-19**

**6**. Giving (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**) me in return.

“A generous man himself will be blessed.” **Proverbs 22:9**

“A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.” **Proverbs 11:25**

**7**. Giving makes me (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

(Jesus) “There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.” **Acts 20:35 LB**

**III. GIVING WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE**

1. Give (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“For if the willingness is there, your gift is acceptable according to what you have, not according to what you don’t have.” **2 Corinthians 9:12**

“Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under pressure ...” **I Corinthians 9:7a**

2. Give (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“...for God loves a cheerful giver!” **2 Corinthians 9:7b**

3. Give (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own,

they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service ...” **2 Corinthians 8:3-4**

4. Give (**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**).

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and whoever sows generously will reap generously.” 2 Corinthians 9:6

“...**THEY FIRST GAVE THEMSELVES TO THE LORD** ... “**2 Corinthians 8:5**

**SUMMARY - ESSENTIAL HABITS OF A HEALTHY BELIEVER**

**Personally and Corporately**

But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. **Psalm 33:11**

For when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep… **Acts 13:36**

1. **Bible Study & Prayer**

2. **Fellowshipping with Others**

3. **Growing Spiritually**

4. **Giving of Yourself**

# **DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

Our hope is that you take a step towards discovery and understanding how you are uniquely designed by God. This begins with your personality, coupled with the spiritual gifts God has given you. We believe that this will help reveal a fulfilling path to your destiny and to make a positive impact in God’s Kingdom.

**Proverbs 25:2** says it is God’s privilege to conceal things and our privilege to discover them.

**HOW DO I RECEIVE SPIRITUAL GIFTS?**

* Accept Jesus Christ as Lord of your life.
* Acquire faith and truth in the area of spiritual gifts.
* Apply yourself to learning about spiritual gifts.
* Ask for the Lord to give you spiritual gifts.

“Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! It will be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that very hour.” **Matthew 8:13 NIV**

## **SPIRITUAL GIFTS SELF ASSESSMENT**

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| 1. I like organizing services and events. 2. I can tell when someone is insincere. 3. Encouraging others is a high priority in my life 4. Influencing others for the kingdom of God through finances is extremely important to me. 5. I enjoy spending hours in prayer for other people. 6. My heart hurts when I see others hurting. 7. I’ve devoted considerable time to mastering my voice and or instrument. 8. I enjoy serving behind the scenes. 9. I sense when situations are spiritually unhealthy. 10. I am burdened to pray for situations in the world. 11. I prefer to take the lead whenever necessary. 12. I desire to serve the church through worship 13. I share Biblical truth with others in hopes of their personal growth. 14. When I study scripture God gives me unique insights. 15. I can pinpoint issues or problems before others. 16. I trust that God has my back in every situation. 17. People often describe me as a prayer warrior. 18. I am motivated to help those who are less fortunate. 19. I focus a lot on reaching the world for Christ. 20. I gain my deepest satisfaction through leading others in vocal or instrumental worship. 21. I enjoy walking with someone in times of direst. | 1. I enjoy working with my hands. 2. I pray for the lost daily. 3. Believing God for our daily needs is important to me. 4. I enjoy doing the little things that others do not. 5. I tend to motivate others to get involved. 6. I enjoy sharing the gospel with other people groups and nationalities. 7. Caring for the hurting is paramount in my eyes. 8. I am passionate about managing details 9. I am greatly concerned about seeing the lost saved. 10. I find ways to give offerings above my tithe. 11. I’m very sensitive to sad stories. 12. I enjoy connecting, caring, and coaching others. 13. It bothers me when people sit around and do nothing. 14. I look for ways to be an encouragement to other people. 15. Making more money means I can give more. 16. Being a part of the process is fulfilling to me. 17. I enjoy knowing biblical details and helping others to understand. 18. I have a constant hunger to see God’s miraculous power. 19. I like to do small things that others pass over. 20. When faced with difficulty I tend to make wise decisions and choices. |

## **GIFT DEFINITIONS AND SCRIPTURE REFERENCES**

The following contains definitions of the Spiritual gifts. While not meant to be dogmatic or final, these definitions and supporting scriptures do correspond to characteristics of the gifts.

**A. ADMINISTRATION**

The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organize multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks. Luke 14:28-30, Acts 6:1-7, I Cor. 12:28

**B. APOSTLESHIP**

The gift of apostleship is the divine strength or ability to pioneer new churches and ministries through planting, overseeing, and training. Acts 15:22-35, I Cor. 12:28, II Cor. 12:12, Gal 2:7-10, Ephesians 4:11-14

**C. CRAFTSMANSHIP**

The gift of craftsmanship is the divine strength or ability to plan, build, and work with your hands in construction environments to accomplish multiple ministry applications. Exodus 30:22, 31:3-11, II Chronicles 34:9-13, Acts 18:2-3

**D. DISCERNMENT**

The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify falsehood and to distinguish between right and wrong motives and situations. Matt. 16:21-23, Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18, I Cor. 12:10, I John 4:1-6

**E. EVANGELISM**

The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help non-Christians take the necessary steps to becoming a born again Christian. Acts 8:5-6, Acts 8:26-40, Acts 14:21, Acts 21:8, Ephesians 4:11-14

**F. EXHORTATION**

The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to encourage others through the written or spoken word and Biblical truth. Acts 14:22, Romans 12:8, I Tim. 4:13, Heb 10:24-25

**G. FAITH**

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life. Acts 11:22-24, Rom 4:18-21, I Cor. 12:9, Hebrews 11

**H. GIVING**

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give by tithes and offerings for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God on earth. Mark 12:41-44, Romans 12:8, II Cor. 8:1-7, 9:2-7

**I. HEALING**

The gift of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith, prayer, & by the laying on of hands for the healing of physical and mental illnesses. Acts 3:1-10, Acts 9:32-35, Acts 28:7-10, I Cor. 12:9, 28

**J. HELPS**

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry. Mark 15:40-41, Acts 9:36, Romans 16:1-2, I Cor 12:28

**K. HOSPITALITY**

The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for others in places such as your home, office, or church. Acts 16:14-15, Romans 12:13, Romans 16:23, Heb 13:1-2, I Peter 4:9

**L. INTERCESSION**

The gift of intercession is the divine strength or ability to stand in the gap in prayer for someone, something, or someplace believing for profound results. Heb 7:25, Col 1:9-12, Col 4:12-13, Jas 5:14-16

**M. KNOWLEDGE**

The gift of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to bring clarity and to understand situations and circumstances often accompanied by a word from God. Acts 5:1-11, I Cor. 12:8, Col 2:2-3

**N. LEADERSHIP**

The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence people at their level while directing and focusing them on the big picture, vision, or idea. Romans 12:8, I Tim. 3:1-13, I Tim. 5:17, Hebrews 13:17

**O. MERCY**

The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way. Matt 9:35-36, Mark 9:41, Romans 12:8, I Thess. 5:14

**P. MIRACLES**

The gift of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way through prayer, faith, and divine direction. Acts 9:36-42, 19:11-12, 20:7-12, Rom 15:18-19, I Cor. 12:10, 28

**Q. MISSIONARY**

The gift of missions is the divine strength or ability to reach others outside of your culture and nationality; while in most cases living in that culture or nation. Acts 8:4, Acts 13:2-3, Acts 22:21, Romans 10:15

**R. MUSIC / WORSHIP**

The gift of music / worship is the divine strength or ability to sing, dance, or play an instrument primarily for the purpose of helping others worship God. Deut. 31:22, I Sam. 16:16, I Chronicles 16:41-42, II Chronicles 5:12-13, 34:12, Psalm 150

**S. PASTOR / SHEPHERD**

The gift of pastor / shepherd is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by nurturing and mending life issues. John 10:1-18, Eph 4:11-14, I Tim 3:1-7, I Peter 5:1-3

**T. PROPHECY**

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to boldly speak and bring clarity to scriptural and doctrinal truth, in some cases foretelling God’s plan. Acts 2:37-40, Acts 7:51-53, Acts 26:24-29, I Cor. 14:1-4, I Thess. 1:5

**U. SERVICE**

The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great tasks in working for the overall good of the body of Christ. Acts 6:1-7, Romans 12:7, Galatians 6:10, II Tim. 1:16-18, Titus 3:14

**V. TEACHING**

The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the Scriptures primarily to bring understanding and depth to other Christians. Acts 18:24-28, Acts 20:20-21, I Cor. 12:28, Eph 4:11-14

**W. TONGUES (and Interpretation)**

The gift of tongues is the divine strength or ability to pray in a heavenly language to encourage your spirit and to commune with God. The gift of tongues is often accompanied by interpretation and should be used appropriately. Acts 2:1-13, I Cor. 12:10, 14:1-14

**X. WISDOM**

The gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to apply the truths of Scripture in a practical way, producing the fruitful outcome and character of Jesus Christ. Acts 6:3,10, I Cor. 2:6-13, I Cor. 12:8

## **PASSION ASSESSMENT**

**NARROW YOUR PASSIONS DOWN BY ASKING YOURSELF THESE SEVEN QUESTIONS:**

**1. The People Question:** Who am I most interested in?

**2. The Action Question:** What do I like to do the most?

**3. The Strengths Question:** When I am doing **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** I feel the strongest.

**4. The Serving Question:** How can I help someone solely for their benefit?

**5. The Interest Question:** What God-honoring things interest me the most?

**6. The Opportunity Question:** What opportunities do I have before me?

**7. The Nostalgia:** When in my life did I feel the most fulfilled?

**THE NEXT STEP:**

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith…” **Hebrews 12:1-2**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your feelings.**

**A.** Your gift may tie in directly with your temperament and personality. The same God who gives spiritual gifts also made up our total being.

**B.** Know your potential strengths and weaknesses.

**2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the opportunities.**

**A.** Look for needs.

**B.** Based upon your gifting find out where you can be useful.

**C.** Do i**t.**

**3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and grow in your gifts**

**A.** Study the Bible.

**B.** Research other material on spiritual gifts.

**C.** Get to know people who are using their spiritual gift.

**D.** Share openly with others the gifts that you have, think you have, or would like to have.

**4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your results.**

**A.** Your spiritual gift should work.

B. Gifted people get results. If you have the gift of healing, sick people will get well.

**5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on feedback from the Church family.**

**A.** If you think you have a spiritual gift and you try to exercise it, but no one else in your church thinks you have it, you probably do not**.**

**B**. It needs to be confirmed. Feelings are important, but they are far from infallible.

**C.** When members of the Body confirm one another’s gifts, more can be accomplished because everyone begins to see where they fit and how their gifts work together.

**Having Gone Through this Growth Track our hope is that it has further confirmed that Call Unto Me Ministries is:**

**1. A Church Family to Partner With**

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. **Philippians 1:3-6**

**2. A Friend to Live a Life of Faith With**

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose…… **Philippians 2:1-4**

**3. A Spiritual Foundation to Grow With**

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 3:12-14**

**4. A Fulfilling Place to “Make a Difference” With**

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. **Philippians 4:8-9, 13**

**APPENDIX.1**

**HOW TO START AND MAINTAIN GOOD HABITS**

**Step 1: Desire**

You must start with a strong desire. You must be internally motivated. External motivations don’t last. If you start only half-heartedly, you will never make it to the success point.

**Step 2: Decide**

Begin right now! Don’t wait. Don’t procrastinate. You don’t slide into a new habit. “One of these days” never arrives. You must have a starting point. It’s easier to break a bad habit today than it will be tomorrow!

**Step 3: Declaration**

Announce your intentions publicly. Make a covenant or resolution. The power of a vow is awesome. It is particularly powerful if you put your commitment in writing.

**Step 4: Determination**

Never allow an exception until the new habit is securely rooted in your life. Each lapse will be fatal. A single slip unwinds many turns at first. Continuity and success at the start is essential. Never be swayed by “just this once”. The act of yielding weakens the will and reinforces your lack of self-control. It takes 3 weeks to become comfortable with a new habit and it takes another 3 to 4 weeks (doing it daily) for it to become a part of your life.

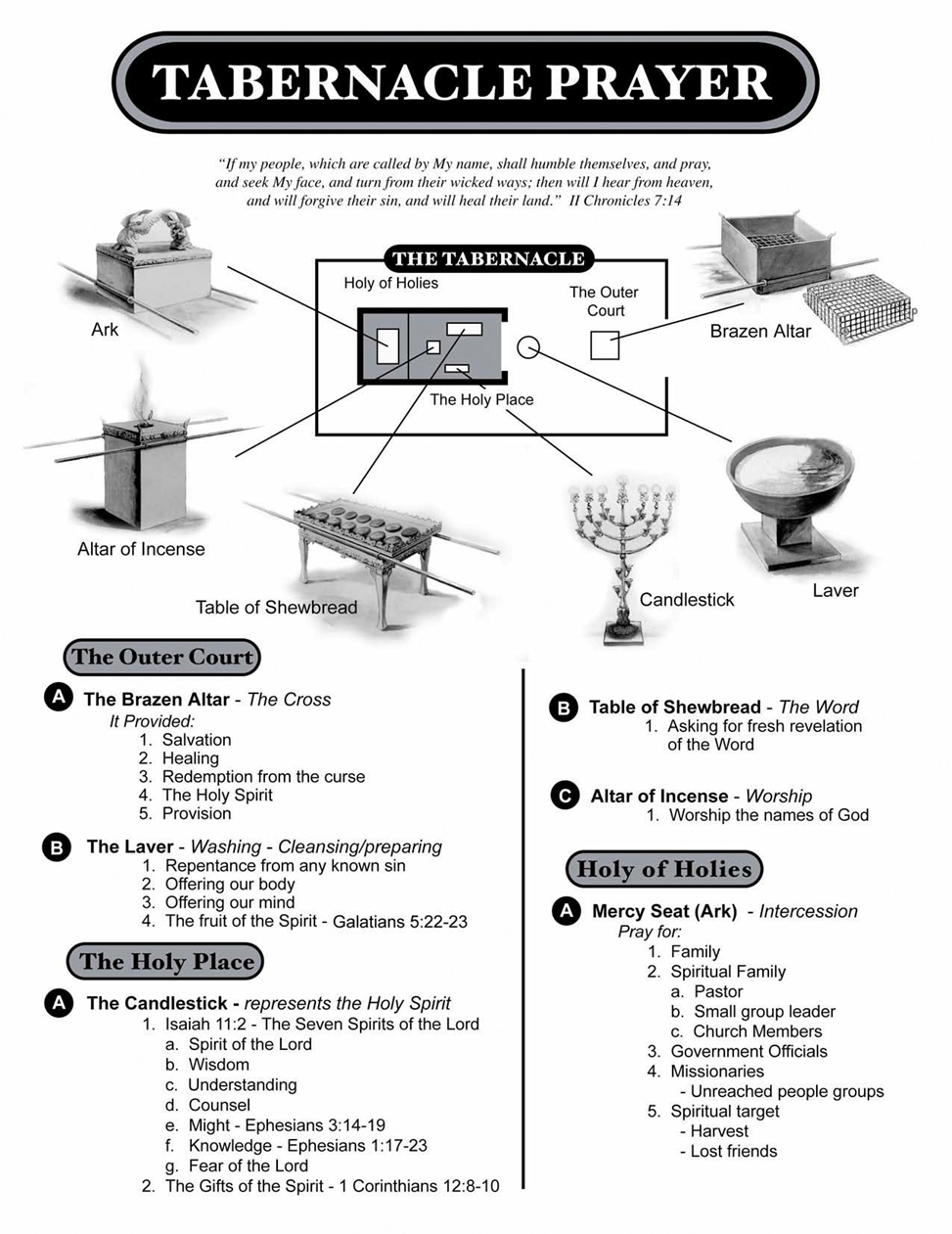
**Step 5: Just Do It!**

Whenever you feel the slightest urge or prompting to practice this new habit - DO IT THEN! Don’t wait. Seize every opportunity to reinforce your habit. Those feelings will not last, so whenever you feel inclined to perform your new habit, do so!

**Step 6: Double Up & Depend on God**

Get a partner who will support you and encourage you. Find someone who is willing to hold you accountable and check up on you especially in the early days before the habit is firmly rooted in your life.

Rely on God’s power to help you establish the habit. Remember, Satan does not want you to develop habits that help you grow spiritually and make you like Christ so he will do all he can to tempt you, cause you to slip, or discourage you. Pray!

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