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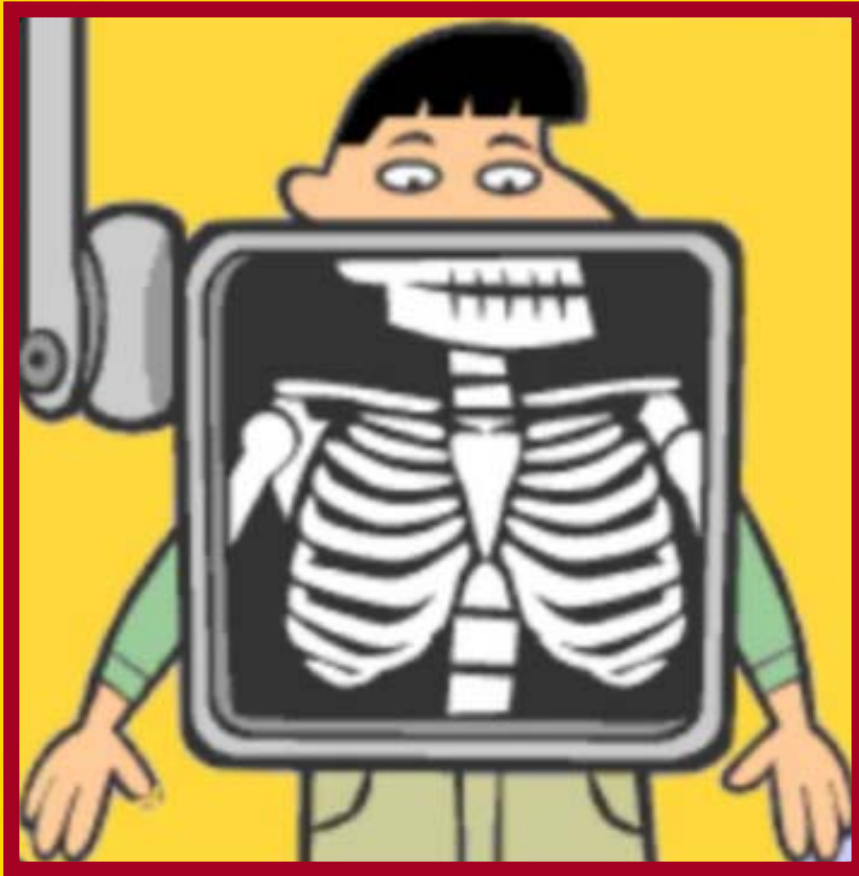
Goal

To Please God


2 Corinthians 5:9 – 10 (NIV)

⁹So we make it our goal to please Him,
whether we are at home in the body
or away from it. ¹⁰For we must all appear
before judgment seat of Christ,
that each one may receive what is due him
for the things done while in the body,
whether good or bad (evil).

Work on Your



Core
Being



In all the biblical examples and that of all men and women whose lives are yielded for His purpose :

God always has two primary agendas:-

- 1. The type of PERSON**
- 2. The fulfillment of His PURPOSE through that person**

The Christian with a Life of Purpose

2 fundamental issues :-

(1) WHO am I becoming?

(2) Am I fulfilling God's
CALL AND PURPOSE for my life?

**God is looking for
a certain type of PERSON**

Who am I becoming?

This relates to our Core-Being

Our Core-Being comprise :

I. Our Character

II. Our Personal Baggage



I. Our Character

**Q1 – What is
God's goal for YOU
as a PERSON?**



Romans 8:29

**For whom He foreknew,
He also predestined to be**

conformed

to the image of His Son



I. Our Character

WHO am I becoming?

The Christian life is a life of becoming more and more like the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is allowing the life of the Lord Jesus to manifest through us.

This is a Journey in Brokenness

I. Our Character

The aim of this journey of brokenness is to **form Christ in us** .

The process of brokenness is the **molding** of the faculties of our **inner-man** .

Our character is the result of the formation of our inner-man.

I. Our Character

Brokenness - the molding of our faculties - occur as we :-

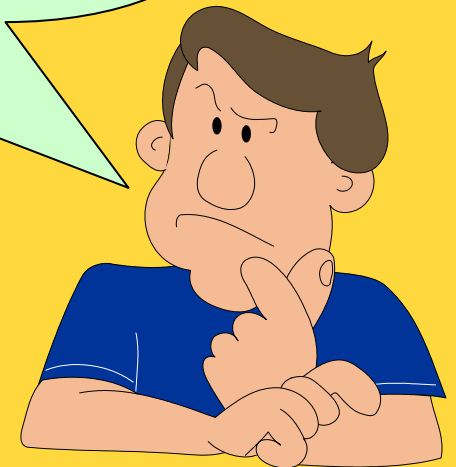
- 1. Deny our self life**
- 2. Take up our cross daily**
- 3. Follow the Lord**

Luke 9:23



I. Our Character

**What are some areas in
my inner life –
my character that God
is dealing with?**



I. Our Character

Exercise

Using Gal 5:22-23 as checklist

Set goals to work on

each of them.



9-Fold Fruit of the Spirit

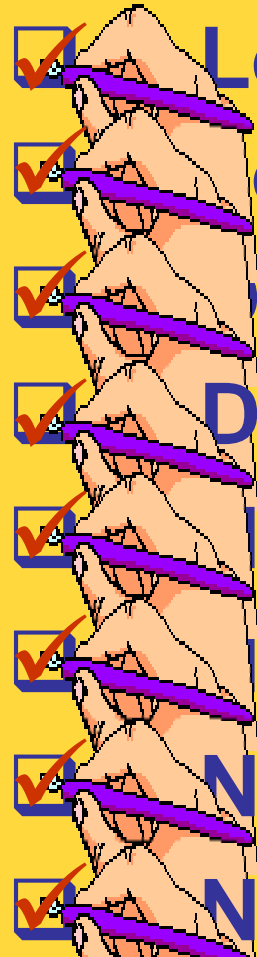
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- Love
 - Joy
 - Peace
 - Patience
 - Kindness
 - Goodness
 - Faithfulness
 - Gentleness
 - Self-control

Exercise

Using 1 Corinthians 13:4 – 8a
as checklist



1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV)

- 
- Love is patient
 - Love is kind
 - Does not envy
 - Does not boast
 - Not proud
 - Not rude
 - Not self-seeking
 - Not easily angered

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV)



Keeps no record of wrongs
 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth



Always protects
 Always trusts
 Always hopes
 Always perseveres
 Love never fails

I. Our Character

INNER-MAN SOUL

The faculties of our soul :
(1) Mind (2) emotion (3) will
must be “broken”
i.e. yielded to God

I. Our Character

Inner-Man SOUL

argumentative

Cynicism

opinionated

Suspicious

(1) Mind

cleverness

stubbornness

human wisdom
of the world.

not willing
to yield

mindset full
of self

Skeptical

I. Our Character

Inner-Man SOUL

(1) Mind

**Our mind must be daily renewed
after the mind of Christ.**

(Romans 12:1 – 2)

I. Our Character

Inner-Man SOUL

jealously
insecure

Need to
boast / defend
self vs
have nothing
to prove

(2) Emotion

envy feelings

fits of
rage lusts
strife

low self-image /
esteem

mood swings
impatience

easily swayed

Cannot rejoice
with other's
success

I. Our Character

Inner-Man SOUL

(2) Emotion

**Our emotions must be surrendered
to the Holy Spirit.**

**He will temper our emotions ...
to manifest the fruit of the Spirit ...
(Gal 5:22 – 23)**

I. Our Character

Inner-Man SOUL

(2) Emotion

Galatians
5:22 - 23

PEACE

SELF-
CONTROL

JOY

FAITHFULNESS

GENTLENESS

PATIENCE

LOVE

GOODNESS

KINDNESS

I. Our Character

Inner-Man SOUL

Stubborn
reaction from
hurts

(3) Will

foolish

prejudiced

unenlightened

biased

uninformed

not wise

not according to the Word,
the Will & the Ways of God.

I. Our Character

Inner-Man SOUL

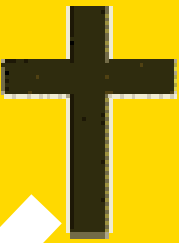
(3) Will

(Colossians 1:9 – 10)

Our will must be aligned with God.

**We then have the knowledge,
spiritual wisdom and spiritual understanding
to make correct enlightened
decision and choices.**

I. Our Character



**Inner-Man-
SPIRIT**



Relationship

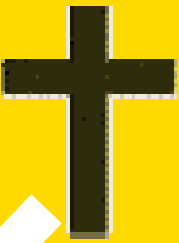
The Holy Spirit strengthening my relationship with God (2 Corinthians 13:14) via

*Intake of
the Word*

*Growing
prayer
communion*

*Building
our altar of
thanksgiving, praise
& worship*

I. Our Character



**Inner-Man-
SPIRIT**

Conscience

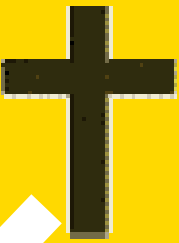


The Holy Spirit sensitizing my conscience .

John 16:8

***⁸And when He has come, He will convict
the world of sin, and of righteousness,
and of judgment:***

I. Our Character



**Inner-Man-
SPIRIT**



Discernment

The Holy Spirit sharpening my discernment.

Hebrew 5:14

But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.



Summary – Our Character



Outer-Man

BODY

5 senses

INNER-MAN

SOUL

Mind
Emotion
Will

SPIRIT

Relationship
Conscience
Discernment

**Expressed in my living in all
my responses & decisions
to be more like Christ**

Our Core Being comprise :

I. Our Character

II. Our Personal Baggage



II. Our Personal Baggage

Hebrews 12:1-2

The baggage that hinders
The sin that entangles

They are
**OBSTACLES &
HINDRANCES**
to effectiveness &
productivity



II. Our Personal Baggage

Q. What are some examples of personal baggage?



Personal Baggage

- ⊕ **Fear of Failure**
- ⊕ **Jealousy**
- ⊕ **Doubts**
- ⊕ **Family Issues**
- ⊕ **Low Self-Esteem**
- ⊕ **Envy**
- ⊕ **Boastful**
- ⊕ **Critical spirit**
- ⊕ **Ego Issues**
- ⊕ **Lack of Commitment**
- ⊕ **Pride-one-upmanship**

II. Our Personal Baggage

⊕ **Unhealed hurts**

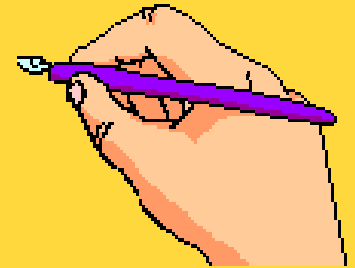
⊕ **Unmet needs**

⊕ **Unresolved issues**

⊕ **Certain Relationships, Activities &
Possessions**

Exercise :

**Make a list of your
Personal Baggage Issues**



Think through:

- **Hurts that need healing**
- **People you need to forgive**
- **Issues you need to resolve ...**

Set Goals to work on each of them



Our Core-Being–Character & Baggage

Journey in Brokenness

EG: The Apostle Paul

1 Corinthians 15:9 - Least of the apostles

Ephesians 3:8 - Least of all God's people

1 Timothy 1:15 - Chief of all sinners



**The state of our Core-Being
determines how we live & serve.**

We can only give of what we have.

Acts 3:6

Our Being - Self-Worth - Self-Esteem

Our Significance - Our Security

must be firmly established in God.

It must not come from our:

Performance - Position - Possessions

Conclusion

We must work on Our Core Being

Be Purposeful – Set Goals To Do So

Goals to :

Work on Our Character

Deal with Our Personal Baggage

before they entangle us any further !

Conclusion

Then we move on to set the next foundational goals re *Our Living*

Our Living has got to do with:

Our External Conduct

Our Core Values

Our Life Of Faith

Our Ministry

Conclusion

Worry more about
your character than your reputation.

Character is what you are,
reputation merely what others
think you are.

--- John Wooden

Conclusion

Philippians 3:10-11 (NIV)

I want to know Christ ...

the power of His resurrection ...

the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings,

becoming like Him in His death ...

to attain to the resurrection from the dead.