

# Description of a Growing Christ-follower



**Being transformed in character, knowledge, and habits to live like Jesus in Community, Stewardship, Worship, Missions, and Evangelism.**

## Description of a Mature Christ-follower

### **Key Character Qualities**

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness; knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

**II Peter 1:5-9**

### **Knowledge**

Brothers, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults.

**I Corinthians 14:20**

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God

**Hebrews 6:1**

### **Habits**

But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

**Hebrews 5:14**

# Transformation

# Community

## Knowledge

- Overall knowledge of the Bible
- Doctrine of God
  - Trinity
- Doctrine of Eternity
- Doctrine of the Church
- Doctrine of Humanity
- Authority of the Bible
- Salvation by Grace
- Justification
- How and why you practice the spiritual disciplines

## Habits

- Listens, learns, and obeys God's Word
  - Hears it
  - Reads it
  - Studies it
  - Memorizes it
  - Meditates on it
- Prays
  - Efficacy
  - Intimacy
  - Devotional
  - Reactionary
- Practices spiritual disciplines
  - Solitude, confession, silence, etc.

*\*\*\* The knowledge and habits found in Transformation, specifically the reading of God's Word and prayer, are foundational to growth and maturity in the areas of Community, Stewardship, Worship, Missions, & Evangelism and greatly intersect and overlap these respective areas.*

## Key Character Qualities

- Exhibits fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, self-control
- Encourages others
- Willing to identify/confront/help correct error in the Body
- Sensitivity, awareness, and willingness to meet the needs of others
- Serves others
  - Shares their spiritual gift(s) to build up the church body
  - Practices hospitality
  - Recognizes, respects, appreciates the gifts, talents, and ministries of others

## Knowledge

- Knows their spiritual gift(s) and how they can be used within the church
- Has a firm understanding of their identity in Christ
- Knows their role as husband, wife, child, single

## Habits

- Connected and accountable in loving relationships
- Loves and cares for others unselfishly
- Practices forgiveness
- Teachable
- Resolves conflict with others biblically

# Stewardship

## Key Character Qualities

- Generosity
- Contentment
- Honesty
- Integrity
- Self-control
- Gratitude
- Hard worker
- Wisdom
- Orderliness
- Discernment

## Knowledge

- Understanding of Creation
  - God's ownership of it all
- Biblical Knowledge
  - Our accountability to God
    - Parable of the Talents
    - Parable of the Good Steward
    - He who is faithful in little will be faithful in much
    - Proverbs pertaining to managing money, time

## Habits

- Faithful manager of God's gift of creation, money, and time
- Tithes
- Gives generously
- Budgets
- Schedules
- Prays
- Seeks counsel regarding important stewardship decisions
- Evaluates getting the best return for the Kingdom (a return on investment)
- Sets goals
- Prioritizes

# Worship

## Key Character Qualities

- Knows and loves God with all their heart, mind, soul, strength
- Moral Purity (Psalm 15)
- Humility
- Possesses joy
- Rejoices
- Thankfulness
- Genuineness

## Knowledge

- Knowledge of the Psalms
- History of Worship
  - Throughout the Bible
  - Worship throughout church tradition

## Habits

- Worships God privately
- Seeks God consistently
- Gives God praise and adoration in a variety of ways
- Practices devotion to God (writing songs, writing prayers, etc.)
- Sensitive to God's presence
- Seeks God through spiritual disciplines
  - Solitude, confession, silence, etc.
- Active participant in corporate worship
  - Anticipates and prepares for corporate worship
  - Sings with zeal and meaning in corporate worship
  - Consistently attends corporate worship services

# Missions

## Key Character Qualities

- Compassionate
- Merciful
- Just
- Kind
- Willing to endure hardship for others

## Knowledge

- Understanding God's mission in this world
- Student of Culture
- Understanding of my part in God's mission
  - What is God up to in the world and how do I fit into that?

## Habits

- Expresses God's love to the world
- Proclaims God's truth and justice
- Studies the culture
- Prays for missionaries
- Gives to missionaries
- Serves to meet needs
- Openness to God's calling
- Encourages other missionaries
- Discernment to see where God is at work

# Evangelism

## Key Character Qualities

- Compassion for people without a relationship with Christ
- Ever-increasing burden for the lost
- Passionate about your own faith
- Courageous
- Humility
- Identify with Christ where you live and work

## Knowledge

- Know the ABC's of the Gospel and Scriptures to present the Gospel
- Know how to present the Gospel
- Understanding of Eternity
- Understanding of Christ's heart
- Process of coming to faith (salvation process)
- Positive view of lost people (attitude)
- Salvation by Grace
- Increasing understanding of Apologetics
  - Cults, belief systems
- Skills
  - Sharing your testimony
  - Leading someone to Christ
  - Listening
  - Asking questions

## Habits

- Listens to others' stories
- Intentionally looks for opportunities to share Christ with others
- Prays for lost people they know to come to Christ
- Shares Christ with others as opportunities present themselves
- Encourages others to share their faith
- Celebrates people coming to faith