

The Traditional Wheel

Introduction: Acts 2:41 & 42 – The roots of Discipleship as defined by the Wheel Illustration is seen in the practices of the early Church.

A. The Wheel speaks to experiencing the power of Christ in our daily lives

1. Wagon wheel – hub and rim; the spokes are for power transference
2. Not a ship's wheel and why.
3. Addressed two frustrations that dogged me as young believer
 - a. Being exhorted to do intangibles – crucify the flesh, walk in the spirit, abide in Christ
 - b. Being asked to do things without being told how to do them.

WORD

Joshua 1:8
II Timothy

FELLOWSHIP

Matthew 18:20
Hebrews 10:24 &

PRAAYER
John 15:7
Philippians 4:6 &

WITNESSING

Matthew 4:19
Romans 1:16

CHRIST THE CENTER – II Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20
THE OBEDIENT DISCIPLE IN ACTION – John 14:15, 21, 23, 24; Romans 12:1
Illustrated In The Early Church – Acts 2:41 & 42; Key Book - Philippians

The Wheel Emphasizing How Each Spoke Is Spending Time With God, A Form Of Spiritual Intake...

A. The Word

I Timothy 4:6
II Timothy 3:16, 17
Hebrews 4:12

C. Fellowship

Matthew 18:20
Hebrews 10:24 & 25
I Corinthians 12:12 & 13

B. Prayer

Philippians 4:6,7
John 15:7
Hebrews 4:16

D. Witnessing

Matthew 4:19
Matthew 28:20
II Corinthians 2:15 – 17
II Corinthians 5:20
I Corinthians 3:9
Revelation 3:20

The Word Hand

I Chronicles 5:18

“The sons of Reuben and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, ... valiant men, men who bore shield and sword ... were skillful in battle...who went to war”

“in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,” II Corinthians 6:7

for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. II Corinthians 10:4

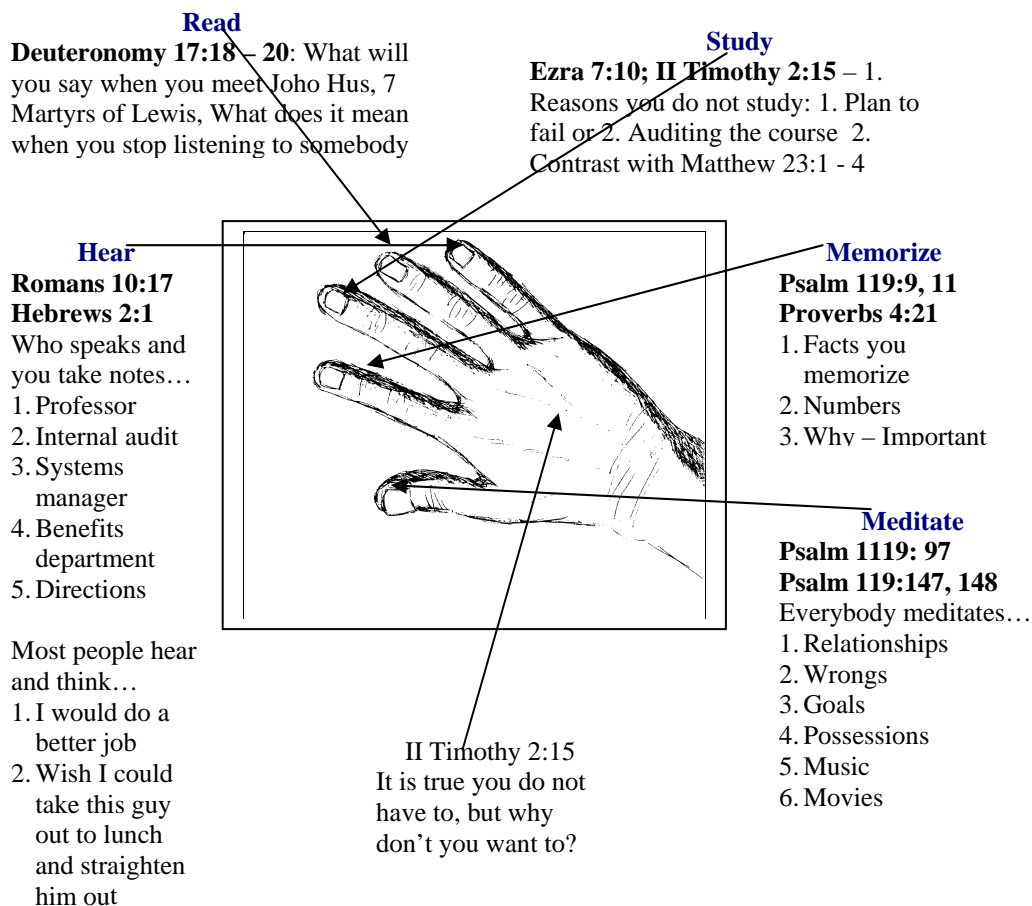
Introduction: The Sword Of The Spirit – Ephesians 6:17 *...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

A. The Bible does not assign an offensive or defensive designation to the armor.

B. The Word of God is the Holy Spirit’s weapon of choice.

1. He does not look to the other weapons so attractive to man.

“satan’s only hope is that we will choose other weapons. He will even supply them to us if we will make the change. Matt 7:22” Idemetor 11/97



“... we have seen today that God speaks with man, yet he lives.”

Deuteronomy 5:24

The Prayer Hand

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I Chronicles 5:18

II Corinthians 6:7 *“in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,”*

JOH 15:7 *“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you.*

Introduction: The Shield of Faith –

A. Shield not necessarily a defensive weapon

JOB 15:26 *“He rushes headlong at Him With his massive shield.*

PSA 76:3 *There He broke the flaming arrows, The shield, and the sword, and the weapons of war.*

B. In warfare, when the shield is a defensive tool the duel is over. – Ephesians 6:16 commands “TAKE UP...”

The Shield Of Faith

EPH 6:16 *in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil one.*

PSA 84:8, 9 *O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah. Behold our shield, O God, And look upon the face of Thine anointed.*

C. The Shield of Faith is pro-active

PSA 35:2 *Take hold of buckler and shield, And rise up for my help.*

EPH 6:13 *Therefore, take up the full armor of God...*

EPH 6:16 *...taking up the shield of faith ...*

D. One Shield and One Shield only – Jeremiah 7:9 & 10

E. Weak shields fail – II Kings 17:33; 18:12

Adoration

Psalm 95:6

Philippians 4:4

1. The worship of God without reference to man
2. Invalid examples/ False Enthusiasm

Confession

Psalm 32:5,6; Psalm 51:1

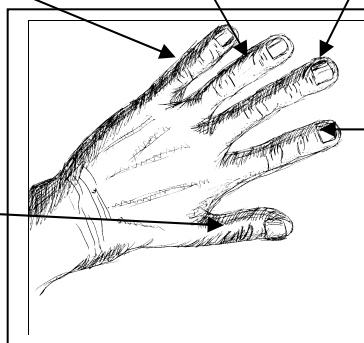
Fellowship, not Relationship

Thanksgiving

Psalm 140:13

I Thessalonians 5:17, 18

1. Not that we have it but that God would give it
2. What does it mean when you stop saying “Thank you”?



Supplication

Psalm 116:1,2

Ephesians 6:18

1. Ourselves
2. Others
3. Newlywed illustration

Spiritual Warfare

James 4:7

I John 4:4

satan and I are not on speaking terms.

Therefore I want the men in every place to pray...

1 Timothy 2:8

“Devote yourselves to prayer...”

Colossians 4:2

1. Prayer is more than health, jobs and relationships
2. Illustration of new husband

I. Fellowship

Philippians 2:1 – 18

(D)4. :14 – 18 Proof – The Fruits of Fellowship

a. :14 Tongue

c. :15b Witnessing

“without grumbling
“appear as lights in
or disputing”
the world”

b. 15a Purity

“blameless and
innocent”

d. :16 The Word

e. :17 Sacrifice

D. :9 – 18 God is glorified as salvation is worked out by God and in the context of our relationship with the Body of Christ.

(D)1. :9 – 11 The result of this “root relationship” is that God brings glory to Himself.

(D) 2. :12 & 13 Our salvation is “worked out” brought to the surface for all to see.

(D)3. 14 – 18 This is not done in the context of the individual but rather the Body of Christ.

A. Surface Relationships

(A) Vs. 1 – “If any...

Encouragement

Consolation

Fellowship

Affection

Compassion

C. Vs. 5-8 The key to the breakthrough of the barrier to self is the “mind of Christ” –

(C)1. Obedience and Sacrifice

(A)2. It is easy to get Christians to live at this level, but is the Holy Spirit satisfied?



(C)2. The Barrier Of Self - :7& 8 “*but emptied Himself, ..., He humbled Himself ...*”

B. Root Relationships: Vs:2-4

“make my joy complete”

(B) 1. Vs. 2 – Agreement / One

a. *Same Mind*

b. *Same Love*

c. *United In Spirit*

d. *Intent On One Purpose*

(B)2. Vs. 3 & 4 – *with humility of mind*

a. *Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit*

b. *regard one another as more important than himself*

c. *do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.*

- 1. Humility Without Agreement:**
 - a. Forced; Sullen; Resentment; Loner
 - b. “The Holy Man”
- 2. Sacrifice Without Obedience:**
 - a. Shallow; Self Serving; Vain; Bitter
 - b. “The Legalist”
- 3. Agreement Without Humility**
 - a. Self-righteous; Superficial; No Staying Power
 - b. “The Complainer”
- 4. Obedience Without Sacrifice**
 - a. Spiritual Convenience; His Terms Only
 - b. “The Quitter”