

How to Help Others

Three Steps to Maturity in Christ

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Purpose of Life



Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

 GEN 1:26 [NIV]

Sin Blocks Us

. . . for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
ROM 3:23 [NIV]



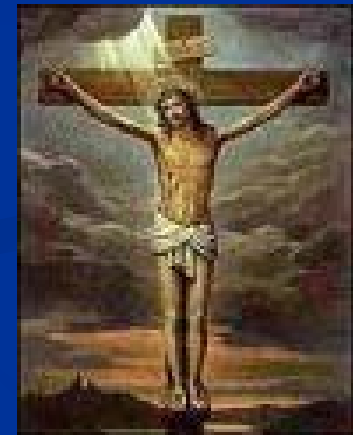
As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. EPH 2:1-3 [NIV]

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. TIT 3:3 [NIV]

Greatest Way to Help Others

For he (God the Father) has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. COL 1:13-14 [NIV]

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. COL 1:15-17 [NIV]



For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. PHI 1:21 [NIV]

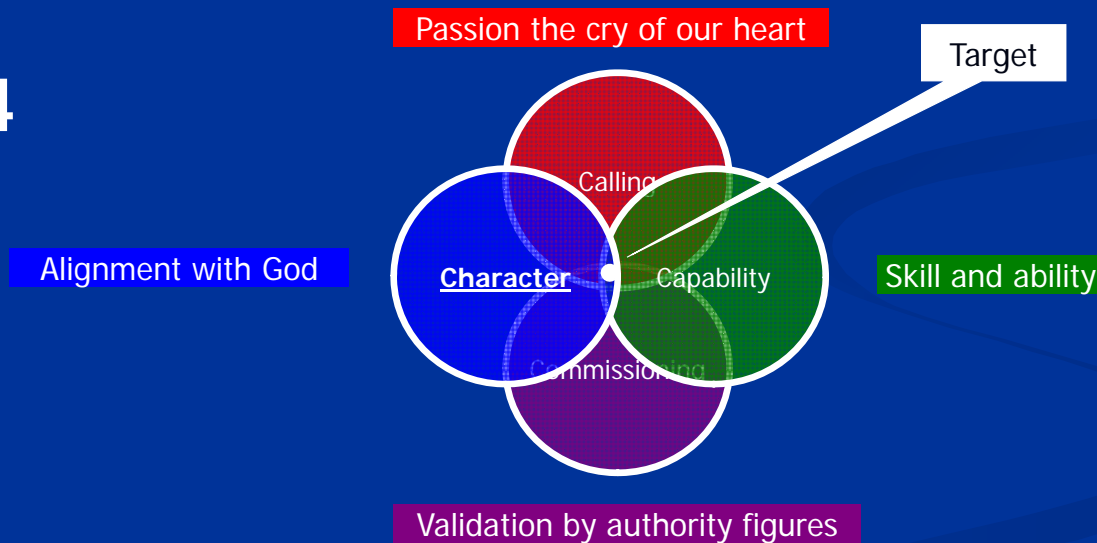
Second Greatest Way to Help Others

What is the purpose of salvation?

To release us from sin so that we can fulfill our life purpose.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. EPH 2:8-10 [NIV]

C4



To help others mature into their C4 requires maturity in you. (Principle of reproduction)

Categories of People

Surrender



Rebellion

Christ-centered
(unconsciously competent)

Growing in Christ
(consciously competent)

Baby Christians
(consciously incompetent)

Curious about Christ
(unconsciously incompetent)

Far from Christ
(unconsciously incompetent)

Growth Facilitators

Incarnate a biblical worldview (Phil 1:21)

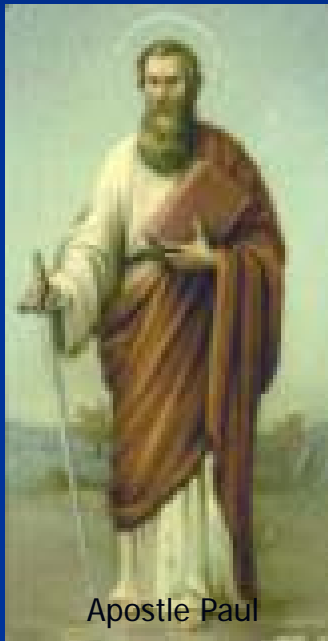
Develop spiritual disciplines (2 Peter 1)

Regeneration and baptism (John 3)

Reality check (Acts 9: Paul's conversion)



Steps to Maturity in Christ



Maturity in Christ releases you to your C4 life purpose.

Three steps to maturity in Christ (i.e., transformation, living a biblical worldview)

Step 1: Community (identity)

Step 2: Disciplines (habits)

Step 3: Thinking (perspective => action)

Greatest facilitator of movement through the steps is



Step 1: Community



Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." MAT 28:19-20 [NIV]

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 1CO 12:12-13 [NIV]

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. EPH 4:15 [NIV]

Step 2: Disciplines



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Step 3: Thinking



Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. ROM 12:1-2 [NIV]

Follow Me



Colonel Charles McDonald
Led by Example
World War II – Ace 28 Kills



Christians are called to lead by example.

Therefore I urge you to imitate me. 1CO 4:16 [NIV]

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1CO 11:1 [NIV]

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. PHI 4:9 [NIV]

For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, 2TH 3:7 [NIV]

We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow. 2TH 3:9 [NIV]

Q&A

Of Your Family and Friends, Who Is Ready to Mature?

Please invite them to attend the

Strategic Life Alignment Tele-Seminar

Eight weekly 1.5 hour sessions

scheduled for each Tuesday March 24 - May 12, 2009.

More information coming soon by email!

