

GROW!

*God Lovers
Relationship Builders
Obedient Followers
World Influencers*

GOD - LOVER

- Loves the Lord with every aspect of one's being, delighting in a growing, intimate relationship with Him
- Knows and relates with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who exist as one eternal being
- Has faith in Jesus Christ, believing in His death and resurrection, turning away from sin, & receiving Him alone as personal Savior
- Declares one's relationship with God through baptism
- Pursues a continual, intimate relationship with God through prayer, Scripture, and listening to Him
- Yields to & relies on the Holy Spirit for power to do His work
- Worships God by wholeheartedly expressing adoration and thanksgiving in words, actions, and attitudes
- Pleases God by yielding our lives in obedience through faith
- Rejoices in the Lord and is content in every circumstance

RELATIONSHIP - BUILDER

- Loves other believers as Christ loves
- Invests energy and time in building true and authentic relationships with other believers in order to stimulate spiritual growth in one another
- Devotes oneself to a local church, meeting regularly and supporting its leadership and direction
- Imitates the example of more mature disciples and models godly living for the less mature
- Warns and challenges fellow believers about wrong behavior and thinking and also humbly receives correction
- Serves believers by using time and personal resources for their good
- Utilizes God-given abilities and gifts for the building up of God's people
- Seeks reconciliation, forgiving, and asking forgiveness for both real and perceived offenses
- Promotes and maintains unity within the church
- Relates to family members according to biblical principles

OBEDIENT - FOLLOWER

- Lives in grace, knowing there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus
- Believes the Bible is accurate and true, communicated from God, the authority for who He is and how we should live
- Patterns one's life in a purposeful and determined manner, according the life and teachings of Jesus
- Submits to leaders who have authority over them
- Surrenders ownership of all goals, plans, relationships, expectations, possessions, and all other aspects of one's life to Jesus
- Develops sincere, heart-felt, Christ-like character by dealing with sinful core beliefs and motives, resulting in healthy attitudes and godly behaviors
- Wages the internal battle for daily obedience by denying our sinful, fleshly desires, listening to the Holy Spirit, and realizing that one is no longer in bondage to sin but is a new person in Christ
- Invests one's material and immaterial resources joyfully and generously in God's purposes on earth, resulting both in blessings now and rewards for eternity
- Guards oneself as the dwelling place of God, maintaining the biblical standards of purity for heart, mind, speech, and body
- Has weighed the cost of discipleship and has decided to follow Jesus and His teachings
- Endures inevitable opposition with patience and rejoicing

WORLD - INFLUENCER

- Influences the world in the name of Jesus to bring glory to God
- Believes the gospel is God's only plan for salvation
- Loves non-believers because God loves them
- Lives a life so distinct from the world that it establishes a credible testimony
- Participates in God's worldwide work of reaching all social, economic, and ethnic groups
- Prays for the salvation of specific people and God's work throughout the world
- Watches for and seizes opportunities to share the gospel
- Builds relational bridges to non-believers in order to win them to Christ
- Acts boldly in the authority of Jesus, relying on the power of the Holy Spirit to bring about change
- Promotes what is good and exposes evil
- Meets needs of the poor and powerless