

# Life More Abundantly

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ABUNDANT LIFE WORSHIP CENTER

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# Section 1:

# About Abundant Life

# Worship Center

## About Abundant Life Worship Center

Abundant Life Worship Center is a multi-generational love driven church in Vallejo, California with powerful worship, practical bible-centered messages, where people are inspired to experience and live out the abundant life that is in Christ.

## Purpose

We are an agape/love driven Ekklesia (church), immersed in the practices of discipleship so that abundant life is manifested through us for the transformation of the world.

We will to this by:

- The **Motivation of Love**,
- The **Guidance of the Word of God**, and
- By the **Power of the Holy Spirit**

We will see our cities, our county, and the State of California be transformed by the Kingdom of God.

## Mission

Walk in Love, Make Disciples, Manifest Abundant Life.

- **Walk in Love** – Experience the Love of God and express it to those who we encounter. The great commandment. **Matthew 22:36-40**
- **Make Disciples** – Maximize our positioning with people by introducing them to the transforming power of the Gospel. The great commission. **Matthew 28:16-20**
- **Manifest Abundant Life** – Be open and allow the power of the Gospel to transform us from where we begin, to God's expected end for us. The purpose of the church. **John 10:10**

## Ministry Target

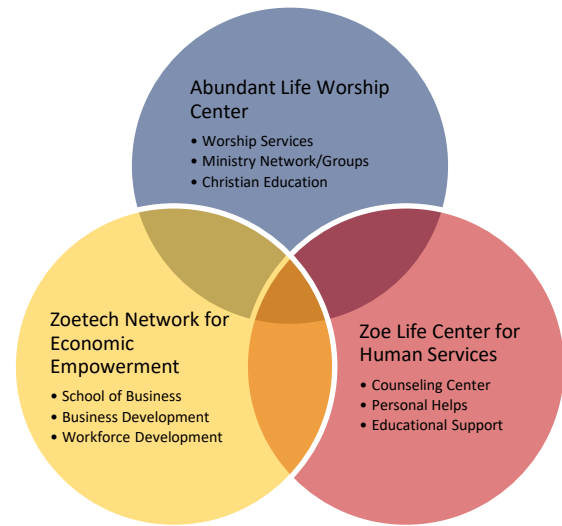
We bring the message of Abundant Life in Christ to those who are indebted, in distress, and discontented, and those who are called to help them with the Gospel.

## Model of Ministry

*Ecclesiastes 4:12- Three-Fold Cord - Ministry to and for the Whole Person*

The three-fold cord of ministry represents the full Ekklesia – The Church that Jesus said that He would build. The Gospel is to be taken to all the world (nations, neighborhoods/homes, businesses, governments, and schools). We do this through the impartation of our faith, spiritual maturity, and transformation.

- **Church - Abundant Life Worship Center** - The Worship Center is the congregation's central location for group worship, prayer, and discipleship. By faith we minister and bring healing to the spiritual condition of humanity and building a Kingdom community. **Matthew 28:19**
- **Community – Zoe Life Center (Center for Human Services)** - Using biblical based models, The Zoe Life Center for Human Services, meets the physical and emotional needs of the church and community leading to personal victory in life. **Proverbs 11:14, 24:6**
- **Marketplace - Zoetech Network (Network for Economic Empowerment)** - The Network for Economic Empowerment will equip entrepreneurs and business leaders with biblical principles and models of management, leadership, business development, and professional development, with an emphasis on Glorifying God in and through the Marketplace. **Isaiah 48:17**



*I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10*

*Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. Colossians 1:28*

## Ministry of Reconciliation

The three-fold cord gives us the platform to reclaim that which has already been redeemed by Christ through the Gospel. Every believer is a new creation in Christ and as such has been reconciled and given the ministry of reconciliation and power to fulfill that ministry. **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

Our spiritual growth and maturity will empower us to impart the Gospel in all areas as we are revealed in Him. The world is awaiting the manifestation of the sons of God. **Romans 8:19-20**

## ALWC Guiding Principles

We are committed to establishing and expanding the Kingdom of God everywhere we go by living out the following guiding principles, which are the cornerstone of our ministry and decision making.

1. The Word of God (Bible) is the final authority. **2 Timothy 3:16.**
2. We teach people to know Jesus and the Word of God for themselves (Jesus and His Word are one). **2 Peter 1:3-4, John 1:1-5.**
3. It was Jesus' purpose to give Abundant Life, which begins at the moment of redemption/salvation (Abundant Life is manifestation of the Kingdom of God). **John 10:10, Psalm 16:11.**
4. Prayer is the highest privilege/weapon in the life of the Believer. **Hebrews 4:16 and 2 Corinthians 10:4-5.**
5. The Love Walk: Loving God as a worshipper and loving people as God loves us. **Matthew 22:37-39 and John 13:34-35.**
6. The least person in the Body of Christ has been anointed for impact, blessed to be a blessing, and gifted with a purpose (Called to fruitfulness). **Matthew 11:11-12.**
7. Everything we do is worship (unto the Lord), we therefore do everything with excellence. **Colossians 3:17, 23**
8. Evangelism is reaching the lost and guiding them in discipleship and transformation. **Matthew 28:19-20.**
9. The Church is the people, not the building or the programs. **1 Peter 2:5.**
10. Every person in the Body of Christ has a responsibility for Building Relationships: **2 Peter 2:1-2.**
  - Paul Relationships – The Mentor/Teacher
  - Barnabus relationships – The Co-Laborer/Friend
  - Timothy Relationships – The Disciple/Spiritual Son or Daughter

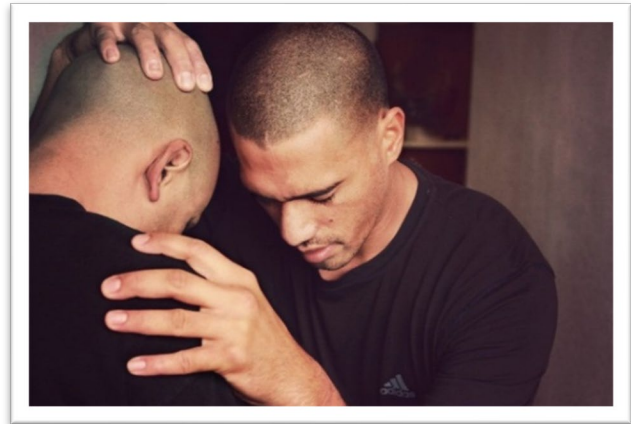
## Ministry Strategy (The Jesus Oikos Strategy)

The cornerstone of the Gospel is the Ministry of Reconciliation. Jesus came to reconcile lost humanity to the Father and give them abundant life. **2 Corinthians 5:16-21, John 10:10, Luke 8:38-39**

Our ministry strategy is to create environments where we can lead every person to fully experience reconciliation and abundant life, by guiding them to the next step with God. We want to move people from unbelief to belief, from belief to worshiper, from worshiper to disciple, from disciple-to-disciple maker. We are each best equipped to reach the 8-15 people who God has intentionally and supernaturally placed in our life as family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, or other key relationships (our Oikos). **Luke 8:39**

***39 “Return to your own house (oikos), and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.***

We manifest the ministry of reconciliation by leading every person we encounter to the next step with God. Move people from unbelief to belief, from belief to worshiper, from worshiper to disciple, from disciple-to-disciple maker. Taking the ministry of reconciliation to the church, community, and marketplace (our model of ministry, with a focus on making disciples).



- **List your Oikos**, those 8-15 people with whom you have developed, are developing, or maybe should develop relational equity.
- **Pray daily for your Oikos**, that each would sense God's presence in their lives and be open to His love.
- **Invest in your Oikos** – watch for appropriate ways to be God's instrument, as He called them to Himself and transforms their lives.
- **Invite your Oikos** to church, a network, or special church event regularly and thoughtfully, as God opens doors of opportunity.
- Prepare yourself to become a better example of faith in Christ as well as a more effective witness of His grace.

We begin by impacting individuals, but our aim is to transform neighborhoods, communities, cities, and nations by impacting every aspect of culture with the Gospel. People are transformed by experiencing the gospel through the cycle of Spiritual Growth.



# The Cycle of Spiritual Growth and Transformation

That which we refer to as spiritual growth or transformation is actually the manifestation of the wisdom of God in our lives.

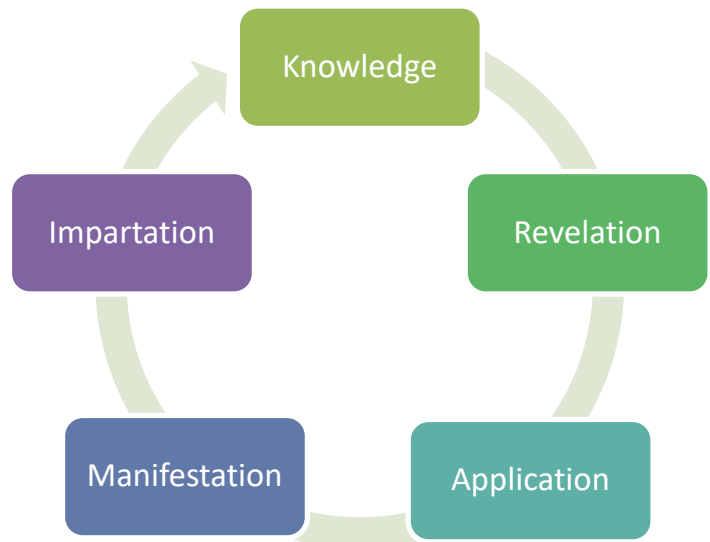
*“Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”*  
– **Romans 12:2**

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction”* – **Proverbs 1:7**

*But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God – and righteousness and sanctification and redemption* – **1 Corinthians 1:30**

Kingdom transformation and spiritual growth occurs through a repeating cycle of stages as observed throughout the Bible. The cycle begins with challenging of our human knowledge (world system) with the knowledge of God and concludes with impartation of our experiences with God to others.

- **Knowledge** – Sense based knowledge or mental assent/agreement with information. **1 Corinthians 2:14** (the carnal mind cannot receive the things of the spirit)
- **Revelation** – Spiritual revelation of scripture or scriptural principles (Rhema word) personal in nature. **John 6:63** (The words[rhema] that I speak are spirit and life)
- **Application** – Applying the wisdom of scripture or scriptural revelation to one’s personal life or ministry. **James 1:22** (be doers of the Word)
- **Manifestation** – The fulfillment of scriptural promises, miracles, answers to prayer, or the manifestation of the presence or will of God. **1 John 5:14** (God will answer)
- **Impartation** – Teaching or communicating truth concerning the outcomes of God’s manifestation to those that have not yet experienced God in that way. **Matthew 28:20** (teach them what I taught you).



When we begin to impart to others, it opens the door for God to reveal new things to us and take us from faith to faith.

## Five Areas of Spiritual Maturity and Transformation

The cycle of spiritual growth and transformation occurs in five distinct areas of the Christian life which represent spiritual maturity and the manifestation of Godly wisdom in our lives. Our goal should be to grow in Christ in a balanced way, avoiding neglect of any area. The outcome is an abundant life.

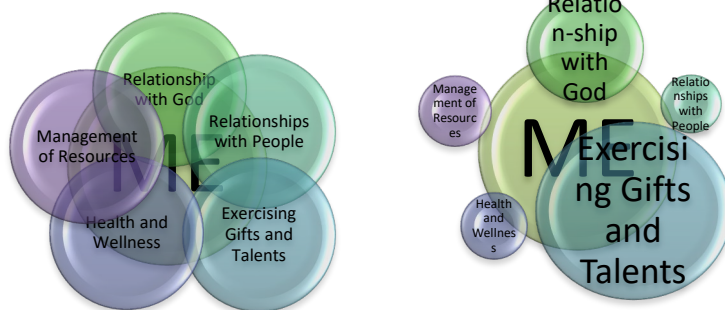
- Relationship with God – Attention to knowing Christ and His Word - Matthew **22:37**
- Relationships with People – Attention to the Kingdom relationships around us and our expressions of Godly love - Matthew **22:37-39**
- Exercising Gifts and Talents – Focus on worshipping God through the giving back our natural and spiritual gifts and talents - **Colossians 3:17, 23**
- Healing and Wellness – Maintaining the spirit, soul, and body in order to fulfill our God given mission - 1 **Peter 2:24**
- Management of Resources – Exercising stewardship of all resources entrusted to us by God. Possessions, money, time, name/reputation - **Matthew 25:14-30**



The goal of every believer should be to grow to a level of maturity in every area of their lives, recognizing that the ultimate maturity is to be fully in Christ. The outcome of all spiritual growth and maturity should be the ability to impart that which has been received from God to others.

The **Mature/Balanced Christian Life** allows our spiritual maturity in Christ to be manifested for others to experience our witness. They experience Christ in us the hope of glory – **Colossians 1:27**

The **Immature/Out of Balance Christian Life** has an emphasis on the development of one or two areas of spiritual growth and neglects growing to maturity in any of the other areas.



## Key Confessions for Spiritual Maturity

- **Relationship with God** - I have a life-giving relationship with God the Father, through Jesus Christ, and my ongoing connection and fellowship with the Holy Spirit.
- **Relationships with People** - I have thriving Kingdom Relationships with:
  - Individuals that invest and pour into my life,
  - A partnership community with the people of this church and with the Body of Christ, and
  - Individuals that I personally and intentionally invest and pour into, especially those that do not yet know Jesus.
- **Gifts and Talents** - I understand that all people (including me) are gifted beyond their comprehension and are anointed and empowered to be problem solvers. I am a problem solver.
- **Healing and Wellness** - My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and as I care for the temple God sustains the temple so that I can fulfill my purposes and destiny.
- **Management of Resources** - I have been entrusted by God with resources and by His anointing I am an effective steward and multiplier so that I am always free for Kingdom generosity.

### Area 1: - Relationship with God

The first area of transformation in the life of the believer is relationship with God, which begins with knowing the truth of who God is and who we are in relation to Him. **Romans 8:23**

- Knowing God – His person, His Names, His Character, and His ways.
- Abiding in Christ – He is the vine, we are the branches, we bear fruit from Him. **John 15**
- Fellowship with the Holy Spirit – Our comforter, our guide, our source of power. **John 16**
- In Christ, you are a new creation. **2 Corinthians 5:17**
- Prayer, Worship, and Praise.

### Area 2: - Relationships with People

The second area of transformation is walking the love walk with people in kingdom relationship with us.

- The Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. **Romans 5:5**
- Love is the character and nature of God, and therefore as we are transformed it becomes our character as well. **1 John 4:8**
- Walking in forgiveness. As you have been forgiven, you must also forgive. The source of forgiveness is faith and love. **Matthew 6:14-15**
- Walking in unity. As a member of the body of Christ, our aim is to walk in unity with the rest of the body. Avoiding strife at all costs. **Psalm 133:1, Ephesians 4:3, 13**

- Being a servant. Love requires service. Jesus came to serve us, and we have been created for good works. **Matthew 20:28, Ephesians 2:10**
- Three types of kingdom relationships:
  - Paul relationships – The spiritual father/ teacher
  - Barnabus relationships – The friend/co-laborer/partner in ministry
  - Timothy relationships – The son/daughter/disciple/ learner

### **Area 3: - Exercising our Gifts and Talents.**

The third area of transformation is identifying and exercising our God given Gifts and Talents.

- Three types of Gifts
  - Natural Gifts – Genetic in nature. All people possess a wide range of natural gifts.
  - Spiritual Gifts – Given as the Spirit wills. All believers are endowed with the Holy Spirit, and if yielded to the Spirit, the believer can be used as an instrument by God to fulfill God's purposes and plans.
  - Ministry Gifts – The specific “office” that a believer is called to that blends the operation of natural and spiritual gifts. All believers have an office, but believers should allow the office to be revealed by operating by faith and love.
- All members of the Body of Christ have all three types of Gifts.
- Everyone should use their Gifts in proportion to their Faith. **Romans 12:6**
- Exercising of Gifts leads to fulfillment of purpose.
- Exercising of Gifts is for the profit of the whole Body of Christ. **1 Corinthians 12:7-14**

### **Area 4: - Health and Wellness**

- The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. **1 Corinthians 6:19**
- Health and Wellness of the physical body, ensure the ability to fulfill purpose.
- Jesus, “Wilt thou be made whole?” **John 5:2-9**
- Divine healing is part of the New Covenant. **1 Peter 2:24**
- Divine health is a birth right of the New Birth.
- If you are healed, do what well people do. Divine healing is maintained through the cultivation of wise health habits. “Rise, take up your bed and walk”. **John 5:8**

### **Area 5: - Management of Resources**

- Every believer is a manager/steward of the things God entrusts us with (in the home, in the community, and in the marketplace). **1 Corinthians 4:1-2, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes**
  - Family/Household/Business
  - Influence/Power/Authority
  - Name/Reputation
  - Talents (Work, Ministry, and Recreation)
  - Time
  - Treasure/Finances

- Godly Management/Stewardship requires:
  - Leadership of the Holy Spirit (self-control is a fruit of the Spirit)
  - Divine Wisdom and planning based on guidance from the Holy Spirit
  - Knowing the State of your flocks (resources)
  - Counting the costs
  - Consistency & Diligence
- Through effect stewardship of the blessings of God, I am generous and able to give into every good work. **2 Corinthians 9:7-9**

### ***The Example of Jesus (Manifesting the Wisdom of God)***

In the life of Jesus, we see the pattern of the five areas manifesting:

1. **Relationship with God** – At the baptism of Jesus, the Holy Spirit descends on Him, and the Father speaks, “this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” As Jesus fulfills all righteous through the obedience of baptism, the Father manifests to the crowd His relationship with Jesus. **Matthew 3:15-17**
2. **Relationships with People** – Jesus initiates kingdom relationships with Peter and Andrew, reaching out to them and offering to teach/disciple them. “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” **Matthew 4:18-20**
3. **Exercising Gifts and Talents** – Jesus begins exercising the God given talents by teaching, preaching, and healing the sick. Throughout Jesus’ ministry He manifested a variety of gifts to meet the needs of people as he was led with compassion. **Matthew 4:23, Matthew 5:1, Matthew 14:14**
4. **Health and Wellness** – During Jesus’ earthly ministry, he manifested healing for those in need that came to Him in faith. The ultimate healing of Jesus, was His resurrection from the dead. **Matthew 4:24**
5. **Management of Resources (Responsibility)** – When the multitudes gathered because of the gifts of the operation of the gifts and healings, the disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away, but Jesus responded with charging them with the responsibility of stewardship. “They do not need to go away, you feed them.” Jesus would not allow the crowds to be sent away until after their needs were met. **Matthew 14:15-22.**

We will manifest the wisdom of God to our generations through the model of ministry that we have been given by God. Through the manifestation of our model of ministry, we will never have to send anyone away to have their needs met. We will feed them!

## Section 2:

# Freedom In Christ

## Spiritual Freedom in Christ: A Biblical Perspective

Did you know that true spiritual freedom can be found in Christ? It is not just a cliché or a feel-good concept, but a powerful truth that has transformed the lives of countless individuals. Jesus said, you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free: **John 8:32**.

We understand that when Jesus speaks of truth, He is speaking of the highest level of truth, eternal truth.

- **Eternal Truth** – The Word of God,
- **Lasting Truth** – Based on human facts, science, and/or history.
- **Situation Truth** – Things that register as truth to us based on our situation experiences.
- **Personal Truth** – Based on our own perspectives including our: feelings, senses, or personal intuitions.

In most of our lives, we have lived in our personal or situational truths, or lasting truths based on visible facts or statistics.

ALWC Freedom Ministry is focused on providing knowledge, environments, and resources to help anyone who feels trapped, indebted, oppressed, addicted, or struggling, with need meeting ministry to guide them to God who is set's us free by exposing us to eternal truth.

- The **Freedom in Christ Course** is a 10-week long, video-based discipleship course designed to help every Christian break free from what is holding them back and become who they are made to be in Christ. It is for every Christian—from those who have been Christians for a long time to those who are brand-new followers of Jesus. The Freedom in Christ Course presents the powerful Biblical truths of identity and freedom in Christ. Unlike many Christian discipleship courses today, the focus is not on how to behave, but on what to believe.
- **GriefShare (He Restores My Soul)** support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you will discover what to expect in the days ahead and what is “normal” in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you will learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.
- **Celebrate Recovery** is a Christ Centered 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, hangups, and habits of any kind. It is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our lives.



# WHO I AM IN CHRIST

## OVERVIEW

To become a Christian we have to believe and receive who Jesus is to receive our salvation, and once we are Christians, we have to believe and receive our new identity in Christ so that we can experience the abundant life that is in Christ.

## I AM ACCEPTED

In Christ I am accepted. I renounce the lie that I am rejected, unloved, or shameful.

- I am God's Child (John 1:12)
- I am Christ's Friend (John 15:15)
- I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
- I am united with the Lord and I am one spirit with Him (1 Corinthians 6:17)
- I have been bought with a price: I belong to God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- I am a member of Christ's Body (1 Corinthians 12:27)
- I am a saint, a holy one (Ephesians 1:1)
- I have been adopted as God's child (Ephesians 1:5)
- I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:18)
- I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins (Colossians 1:14)
- I am complete in Christ (Colossians 2:10)

## I AM SECURE

In Christ I am secure. I renounce the lie that I am guilty, alone, unprotected, or abandoned.

- I am free from condemnation (Romans 8:1-2)
- I am assured that all things work together for my good (Romans 8:28)
- I am free from any condemning charges against me (Romans 8:31-34)
- I cannot be separated from the love of God (Romans 8:35-39)
- I have been established, anointed, and sealed by God (2 Corinthians 1:21-22)
- I am confident that the good work that God has begun in me will be perfected (Philippians 1:6)
- I am a citizen of heaven (Philippians 3:20)
- I am hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3)
- I have not been given the spirit of fear, but power, love, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7)
- I can find grace and mercy to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16)
- I am born of God and the evil cannot touch me (1 John 5:18)



## I AM SIGNIFICANT

In Christ, I am significant. I renounce the lie that I am worthless, inadequate, helpless, or hopeless.

- I am the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-14)
- I am a branch of the true vine, Jesus, and I am a channel of His life (John 15:1,5)
- I have been chosen and appointed by God to bear fruit (John 15:16)
- I am a personal, Spirit-empowered witness of Christ (Acts 1:8)
- I am a temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16)
- I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Corinthians 5:17-20)
- I am a fellow worker with God (2 Corinthians 6:11)
- I am seated with Christ in heavenly realms (Ephesians 2:6)
- I am God's workmanship created for good works (Ephesians 2:10)
- I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Ephesians 3:12)
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me! (Philippians 4:13)

Read the "Who I AM in Christ" list out loud every day. Then pick one of the truths that is particularly meaningful to you and spend some time reading it in its context and asking God to help you catch the revelation of that passage for you.





# Section 3:

## Doctrine and Character

## ***Importance of Doctrine and Character***

Biology is the study of living things, Ecology is the study of the environment, and Psychology is the study of the mind. Theology is the study of God. True theology should be based on our hunger to know God face to face. With that in mind we will approach doctrine from that level. To know Jesus and the Godhead for ourselves so that as the elect of God we know His voice and the voice of another we will not follow.

What you believe is at the core of how you relate to Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Father. If your doctrine is off, you will many times be cheated out of the abundance that God has for us in Christ.

Your doctrine will also affect your character towards God and the ministry. The key to the vision of Acts 2:42 is to create an environment where Godly character reigns and people come to experience the love of God in ways they can only imagine. Without Godly character as the foundation, the same environment can quickly descend from being a loving fellowship of believers to a place where distrust and fear of manipulation reign.

# Character

## *Two Types of Ministry*

Success in ministry is established through focus given to both private and public ministry, and the backbone of both is character. The cycle of spiritual growth and transformation builds public ministry through private ministry.

- **Private Ministry** - The ministry between the believer and God. **John 15:1**. The process in which we advance through the cycles of spiritual growth.
  - Our worship.
  - Our prayer life.
  - Our personal study of the Word.
  - Our commitment to applying the Wisdom of the Word in our lives.
  - Our commitment to standing on the Word in faith.
- **Public Ministry** - The ministry of the believer to the world. **Matthew 28:16**
  - Public Ministry should always be the overflow of Private Ministry. **Acts 2**
  - Public Ministry that is not founded on private ministry is destined to fail or be destroyed by the adversary.
  - Public Ministry should be focused on impartation through love.

## *Building Private Ministry*

1. Ministry to God – Fellowship with the Holy Spirit.
2. Developing quiet time. **Psalms 5:3**
3. The Starting point: Prayer for Guidance.
4. Reading the Word. **Psalms 119:18, 105**.
5. Four types of prayer:
  - a. Adoration/Praise - **Ps 8:1-9**
  - b. Confession & Declaration – **1 John 1:9, Romans 10:9, Hebrews 4:14**
  - c. Thanksgiving – **Ephesians 5:20, 1 Thessalonians 5:18**
  - d. Supplication – **1 John 5:14**
6. Jesus Model Prayer – **Matthew 6:5-15**
7. Beware of poisons that can paralyze and eventually destroy Christian Leadership/Leadership:
  - a. Unbelief
  - b. Discouragement
  - c. Apathy

- d. Taking offense
  - e. Developing resentment.
  - f. Strife/Division
8. Abide in Christ – **John 15: 1-8.**

# Understanding Leadership

A leader is an individual that takes responsibility for influencing something. Leadership is the process of an individual being inspired to take the responsibility of maturing to become a leader. A person's leadership will be limited according to their willingness to overcome their personal roadblocks. A roadblock becomes a lid on the top of our leadership that can derail our efforts to lead. A couple of points to understand.

- Every person can choose to become a leader.
- Every leader will face roadblocks (lids)
- Sometimes others will have to point out our lids.
- A leader will take responsibility for lifting their own lids.
- We can overcome a lid by submitting ourselves to spiritual growth.

A person's maturity/influence is cultivated through the cycle of spiritual growth for the birthing of public ministry.

- Leadership is influence – it is not power or position.
- Leaders do not possess influence in every area – We can only bring influence in areas where we have been seen as overcomers or have credibility in the eyes of those we influence.
- Our influence is either positive or negative – The choice is ours
- Faithful leaders use their influence to add value – Are you adding value to others or are you diminishing others?
- With influence comes responsibility – Are you prepared to take responsibility?

All public ministry is based on influence and as a result is a form of leadership. Every Christian should acknowledge that they as a believer/new creation in Christ the have been given the ministry of reconciliation (the power to influence people to be reconciled to God). This ministry becomes the first area of our leadership. Because of this ministry, we are leaders in the Body of Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:18-21**). To embrace this first area of leadership will clarify all other areas of leadership in our lives.

## ***7 Factors of Leadership***

Understanding that leadership is based on influence, there are seven factors that increase our influence and ensure that we influence for kingdom purposes.

- 1) **Character** – People can sense Truth, Integrity.
- 2) **Relationships** – Surround yourself with the right people.
- 3) **Knowledge** – Study, learn. Know the facts. Do your homework!
- 4) **Intuition** – Energy, morale, timing, momentum. What do you feel?
- 5) **Experience** – What challenges have you had in the past?
- 6) **Past Success** – What is your track record? Have you extended yourself, taken a risk and succeeded?
- 7) **Ability** – What are you capable of? Can you be a good coach?

## ***Three Domains of Leadership***

There is no leadership without purpose, and purpose is revealed in vision. Every vision has both lifespan and seasons; and requires a specific type of leader to move a vision forward. The three seasons are:

- Vision
- Implementation
- Maintenance

A purpose is always attached to a vision and not a vision to a purpose. A leader without purpose has become a figurehead and can have no Kingdom influence. Purpose is separate and distinct from one's role in the vision. The three domains of leadership are related to the three seasons of a vision.

	Vision Casters	Implementers	Maintainers
The Exodus	Moses	Joshua	Judges
Israel	David	Solomon	Split Kingdom
New Testament Church	Paul	Timothy	Church Elders

- **Vision Casters** – Receive vision or direction from God and lead people, movements, or organizations (Kingdoms). Responsible for writing the vision and making it plain and reinforcing it through faith. (**Habakkuk 2:2-4**)
  - **Moses** – In the deliverance of Jews from Egypt, Moses was a vision caster. He heard from God and made God's voice clear to the children of Israel.
  - **David** – His passion for God allowed him to lead the people of Israel in a new direction from Saul's leadership.
  - **Paul** – Became an Apostle to the Gentiles with a new vision from God.
- **Implementers** – Partner with a vision caster to bring to life the vision and break new ground to establish the foundations and maturity of the vision.
  - **Joshua** – Under Moses, Joshua was a commander of the armies under Moses' leadership. His responsibility was to lead the people in the vision God received from Moses. Most notable is the stand of faith by him and Caleb on entering the promised land despite the challenges that awaited them. (Later Joshua would become a visionary leader after Moses' death)
  - **Solomon** – Solomon was hand selected by his father David who gave him God's vision for the kingdom, which Solomon immediately began implementing.



Solomon's challenges with character ultimately blocked him from identifying a strong maintainer and after he left, the kingdom split.

- **Timothy** – Paul laid hands on this young man, and Timothy began living out his discipleship to the point of taking responsibility for leadership in the churches established by Paul.
- **Maintainers** – Partner with implementers to preserve that which has been created and guide it to the point of innovation. At the point of innovation, they must partner with or become a visionary.
  - **Judges** – The book of Judges reveals a group of individuals that are called to maintain the kingdom of Israel. After Moses and Joshua bring deliverance and set up the kingdom, the Judges maintain the order of kingdom and ensure its deliverance when they get into hard places.
  - **The Split of Israel** – Because of Solomon's challenges, the kingdom split after his death. Two separate leaders divided the kingdom because there was no successor selected to maintain all of the gains through Solomon's implementation of David's plan.
  - **The church elders** – As Paul was fulfilling his apostolic ministry, he assigned leaders like Timothy to establish the church. Timothy would then turn the church over to local elders to maintain the church and to find new areas of vision to advance the church.

# Section 4: What we Believe.

## Essential Doctrines

### The Three Purposes of the Church.

#### *The Great Commandment*

Walk in Love – To God first, then towards people.

1. Love God & Love People. **Matthew 22:37– 39, Mark 12:30 – 31, Luke 10:27**
2. Love identifies us as followers of Christ. **John 13:35**
3. The highest call, love. **1 Peter 4:8**
4. God is love, and we are His representatives. **1 John 4:8-16**

#### *The Great Commission*

Receive the Holy Spirit, Preach the Gospel (Good News), and Make Disciples:

1. Go into all the world and make disciples, teach them. **Matthew 28:16-20**
2. Preach the Gospel to every creature, signs will follow. **Mark 16:14-18**
3. You shall receive power when the Holy Ghost has come upon you. **Acts 1:6-8**

#### *The Great Manifestation*

Examples of God's Manifold Wisdom/Total Prosperity

1. The Church is an example to the darkness. **Ephesians 3:8-11**
2. Creation is awaiting the manifestation of the Sons of God. **Romans 8:19**
3. We are living epistles. **2 Corinthians 3:2-3**
4. Manifestations
  - a. Salvation – All that comes with it.
  - b. Authority - Over darkness, demons, and spiritual hosts.
  - c. Fruit of the Spirit – **Gal 5:22**
  - d. Gifts of the Spirit – **1 Corinthians 12**
  - e. Spiritual Gifts – **Romans 12.**
  - f. Supernatural Wisdom in the Marketplace – The Joseph Anointing
  - g. 5 Areas of Spiritual Maturity

### ***ALWC Doctrinal Statement.***

Abundant Life Worship Center accepts the Holy Scriptures (Holy Bible) as the revealed will of God, the all-sufficient rule for faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity, adopts the following statement of fundamental truths:

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God; eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in the blessed hope of His personal, visible, future return to this earth to receive to Himself His blood-bought church that it may be with Him forever.
4. We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ.
5. We believe that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.
6. We believe in the redemptive work of Christ on the cross and that it provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer.
7. We believe that, according to [Acts 2:4](#), the baptism with the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, is given to Believers who ask for it.
8. We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian enables them to live a holy life.
9. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.
10. We believe in water baptism by immersion and observance of the Lord's Supper.