



The Victorious Christian Life Wheel:

Every part, all of it, needs to be there daily - constantly lived out! Be that the case, there will be revival, renewal and awakening; starting with yourself, but quickly spiraling out. Leave one part out and you loose out - we loose out and even the world looses out!

1. The core or center: Always focus on the Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrificial love.
2. The 4 spokes: Your "4 talks" and the 4 dimensions of Christ's love. (Eph. 3:18) The world only knows 3. You, because of Christ's riches, power and the HS, know that extra, spiritual dimension - always growing and that in an ever greater measure!
3. The 4 spaces: Christ like attitudes that will always be there when Christ Jesus is the center of your life.
4. The outer circle: Your faith and trust on and in the Lord Jesus.



A Daily Christian Health Check:

HOW TO EXPERIENCE REVIVAL, RENEWAL AND AWAKENING.

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First of all, let us lay down **the foundation** with the Lord.

- * Forget all others; this is strictly about yourself. Later you can share, but for now it is first and foremost for yourself.
- * Ask yourself questions like:
 - Right now, how's my relationship with the Lord Jesus?
 - Do I have Christ's love?
 - Which area is missing or weak?
 - What needs to be improved?
 - What should I do differently?
 - How can I help others?

This is a time to check your **FIRST LOVE FOR GOD**. (Rev. 2:4,5)

May this be a time of discovering **the Love of Christ** in a new way, rekindling **your love** for Him. Receiving and giving Agape (sacrificial) love in a new and ever increasing way, that is now the core purpose.

Eph. 3:16-19 talks about being rooted and established in love. For sure, that takes time; but may we now see a dramatic surge of growth in love - a miracle of love!

Like our wheel, this passage speaks of 4 dimensions of love (not 3) - width, length, height and depth! The fourth dimension is the extra one we receive in Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit - it is the spiritual dimension.

May this now be a time of evaluating, not judging. We want positive criticism, not grumbling. Let us humble ourselves before the Lord and seek our loving, great God and Heavenly Father. We are looking for conviction from above. Everyone will agree that something drastic needs to happen in our church(es) and in the whole evangelical community. If we keep on going as we are now, we will just shrivel up and not see revival nor a mighty move of God's Spirit. So where are we and what really needs to happen?

A Christian Health check: How are you doing with the most basic things of the Christian life? This diagram helps to know the answers? How healthy is your Christian life? (It would be good to write out your answers.)

1. The first question has to do with **the core of our diagram**. How's your relationship with the Lord? Do you know that Jesus loves you? How much? How much do you love Jesus, your Savior and Lord? Be honest and truthful! The following questions about the "4 talks" will prove your answer.
2. How's your **Bible intake**? Do you have a deep desire to know God's Word? How much time do you spend each day in the Word of God? Reading? Meditating? Studying? and finally . . . Do you apply in every day life what God shows you?
3. How's your **DAILY prayer life**? Do you have a desire to talk to God? How much time do you spend each day in prayer? Alone? In a group?

4. How's your fellowship with other believers? Do you desire to know others and spend time with them? Are you interested in the needs of others? Do you ask about needs? So, do you know needs of some of your fellow church members? Do you try to help them or try to find a solution to those needs? Do you pray for them? Do you bless them in some way? How? When you're alone, do you pray for others? Do you ever phone someone or visit them? How often? How much time do you spend each week with other believers? At each other's home? Are you part of a small group like a Bible Study? Home fellowship? How's your service to the rest of the Body of Christ?
5. How's your witnessing? Do you have a desire to share Gods love with others? What is your burden for the lost? How much time do you spend witnessing in some way during the week? How is your service to your community? How are you effecting your neighbourhood, the region, your country or even the rest of the world?
6. How about the Christ like attitudes named in this diagram? How's your attitude been? Obedience? Thankfulness? Giving? Commitment? What would others say about your life and attitudes?
7. How's your faith in the Lord? Going back to your relationship with the Lord, how are you trusting God? Do you believe in God? For what are you trusting the Lord right now? What evidence of your trust and believe do you give to God? Faith means to lean on. Right now, what aspect of God, His Word and His promises do you lean on? Faith is having a sure hope. How sure is your hope? How do you see the future? How far can you look? Can you look into Heaven and is that your goal? Faith is holding on to the evidence of the unseen. What are you holding on to?

Finally, lets go back to the core - the cross of Christ Jesus is there. It is Gods evidence of His great love for you. Christ's heart was torn (broken) (Heb. 10:19b,20) because of our sin(s) and Gods wrath for sin that was all placed on Him. Worse of all, he bore the penalty for our sin(s) which was separation from the Father and the Holy Spirit. The weight and pain were too much and thus Christ's heart tore. But in doing that, He opened the way to the most holy place, to God! Christ's body was the curtain, torn from top to bottom. The torn curtain in the temple was only symbolic of what Christ Jesus had done on the cross. Please read Heb. 10:19-25 out loud. There's the explanation and our needed response.

The cross in the middle is also our cross. Our Lord Jesus put it this way: "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me." Mk. 8:34-38. May all this lead us to revival, renewal, awakening or whatever else is needed to cause us and our churches to burst forth with life and fruit to Gods glory. Would you intensely pray for this and continue with me until we see it happen? Based on Gods promises and the prophetic word, I believe that our Lord wants to give us one more revival before He returns. However, it will not only be personal, local or even national; it will be so miraculous and powerful, overflowing with so much sacrificial love, that it will, as our diagram shows, spiral around the whole world. May we see His fire spread. Pray for it, be part of it!

In Christ's love and grace, Dirk W. L.

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Extra explanatory notes for the diagram: "Faith" means to lean on. Therefore, it is at the top of our illustration as it leans on all God is and what He has done in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. Our faith also rests on the evidence of fulfilled prophecy, the finished work on the cross, Christ's resurrection and our Lord living in and through us.

"Trust" is at the bottom of the "wheel" looking up to God for who HE IS, His character and the fact that He always keeps His Word. Trust knows it can rely on the Lord Jesus because of Who He is, His Name(s), proven character, faithfulness throughout the ages and the fact that he does not change. History is His-story and He is the same yesterday, today and forever!

The enemy is out to destroy us and the church. So, what does he do? He will attack in every way. We need to stand in the Lord Jesus Christ, be moved by His Spirit and utilize every weapon God provides. All the parts of "The Victorious Christian Life Wheel" are weapons against the enemy. What has the enemy sown into our hearts? Complacency, indifference, Luke warmness, lack of faith, ignorance and more such negative attitudes and things. We need to ask questions like: Where is my compassion? Why is there so little fervent prayer? Why is there so little love, concern and care for each other? Where is humbleness? conviction? confession? Why are we not yet experiencing a revival, renewal and awakening?

Assignment: Prayerfully answer all the questions listed in this little study. Take a separate piece of paper or type it out on your computer. Prayerfully check your attitude(s). Look at the 4 quadrants of the wheel. At the start, do this every day for a week - if possible for a month. After that, keep this sheet in your Bible and regularly check how you're doing. Prayerfully give your faith and trust a score between 1 to 10 with 10 being amazing faith or deep conviction. Now prayerfully come before God and ask Him to do a miracle in your life and change it all around, making you more like the Lord Jesus. May everyone notice your change and may we then know revival, renewal and awakening in our church also. Now what do you think will be the effect on the world, starting with your immediate contacts?