

The Lifestyle of A Maturing Congregation

There are certain Scriptural presuppositions (in other words, conjectures, assumptions, hypotheses, and premises) that are at the core of our KS ministry. One prominent such presupposition is the desire to “flesh out” His ways. We believe the Bible has answers for every situation in life. *Adonai* is interested in the daily affairs of His people! The following table addresses some of the areas of life where we are convinced *Adonai* wants us **TO APPLY HIS WISDOM AND WALK IN ALL HIS WAYS**.

A Torah Centered Life — Ten Areas of Influence	
1. ALL Scripture—the Entire Bible	Character, Behavior, Principles, Life-Style
2. Congregation	We have disciplines, standards, Spiritual Gifts
3. Marriage	A “Life Covenant,” children
4. Home	A Torah centered household
5. Children	A Blessing, a Family’s Strength (<i>arrows in a full quiver</i>)
6. Education	Father-directed, Training, Apprenticeship
7. Finances	Freedom, Wisdom, Resources, Generosity
8. Business	No Debt, No Un-Biblical partnerships
9. Medicine	Personal Responsibility, Prevention
10. Law	Justice & Mercy

SOME of the Guiding Principles in the Kol Simcha Ministry

- ◆ All Scripture (Hebrew Scriptures & New(er) Covenant) is profitable for fleshing out His ways:

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” (KJV, 2 Tim 3:16-17, emphasis mine)
- ◆ The Father (*Abba*), the Son (*Yeshua*) and the Spirit (*Ruach Elohim*) do not, can not, and will not change.

“I know that, whatsoever G-d doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and G-d doeth it, that men should fear before him. That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and G-d requireth that which is past.” (Eccl 3:14-15)

“For I am יהוה, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.” (Mal 3:6)

“Yeshua HaMashiach the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” (Heb 13:8)

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” (James 1:17)
- ◆ Messiah *Yeshua* is HaTorah (the Word) made flesh

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)
- ◆ Messiah *Yeshua* in His earthly life demonstrated (fleshed out) every character principle for us

“And Yeshua grew both in wisdom and in stature, gaining favor both with other people and with God.” (Lk 2:52)

Character Quality Examples:

Attentiveness, which builds: Cautiousness, Alertness, Initiative, Creativity, Sensitivity, and Resourcefulness

Obedience, which brings: Responsibility, Consistency, Self-Control, Diligence, Punctuality, Thoroughness, and Neatness

Wisdom, which builds: Faith (Trust), Discernment, Discretion, Decisiveness, Justice, and Thriftiness

Truthfulness, which is expressed in: Virtue, Purity, Sincerity, Boldness, Persuasiveness, Dependability, and Orderliness

Loyalty which contributes to Dedication, Devotion, Determination, Reverence, Courage, and Endurance

Patience which has elements of Persistence, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Meekness, Deference, Tolerance, Forgiveness, Compassion, Flexibility, Availability

Gratefulness which produces Joyfulness, Service, Hospitality, Generosity, Contentment, Enthusiasm, Humility

We note that all things happen to “conform us” to the image of Messiah Yeshua

“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son...” (Rom 8:28-29)

When we lack in character, it is revealed immediately in our attitude.

◆ Scripture Contains Basic Life Principles which are Non-Optional and Universal

BASIC LIFE PRINCIPLES	GOALS
DESIGN: why G-d made what He made and His Purposes in His creation	Self-Acceptance: Pattern for Lifestyle
RESPONSIBILITY: for every word, thought, action and motive of our heart	Good Conscience: we must be committed to a clear conscience void of offense toward G-d and toward man
AUTHORITY: Family, Congregation, Government, and Employment.	Proper Submission: Appeal from beneath and Power from above
SUFFERING: Full forgiveness of trespasses	Forgiveness according to Matt. 18 & the L-rd’s prayer
OWNERSHIP: G-d doesn’t want us to own anything. What we own soon owns us...	Yielding Rights to G-d: Giving our expectations to G-d.
FREEDOM: the power to do what we ought	Moral Purity: a man’s morality dictates his theology
SUCCESS: fulfilling G-d’s purpose in our lives	Meditation: Our purpose is discovered in meditating in G-d’s Word (Torah) and everything we do shall prosper.

◆ The Power of G-d’s Grace: Grace is the desire and the power G-d gives us to do His will (1 Cor. 15:10)

1. Grace is given to all (Titus 2:11)
2. Grace is given free (Eph. 2:8,9)
3. The more you use the more is given (Phil. 1:2; 2:13)

4. Grace can be resisted (Heb. 12:15)
5. Given to the Humble (James 4:16)

BIBLICAL STANDARDS GROW OUT OF: SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES, G-DLY CHARACTER, G-D'S GRACE, AND SCRIPTURAL DISCIPLINES. OUR HUMANISTIC SOCIETY REACTS HARSHLY TO THESE TYPES OF STANDARDS. BUT THIS IS PRECISELY G-D'S WEAPON AGAINST SATAN: "... *When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.*" (ISA. 59:19)

- ◆ G-d has given Seven Motivational Gifts to the Body (Ro. 12) and every member has 1 basic motivational gift and as they mature they are able to function using all seven.
- ◆ Marriage is a Blood Covenant (*B'rit*) and NOT a Contract
 - ✓ A covenant is based on trust between parties vs. a contract is based on distrust
 - ✓ A covenant is based on unlimited responsibility vs. a contract is based on limited liability
 - ✓ A covenant cannot be broken under new circumstances vs. a contract can be voided by mutual consent
- ◆ Marriage is the *echad* of the spirit, soul and body of a man with a woman. The spirit should be dominant, then the mind, will and emotions, then the physical.
- ◆ The home is the *center* of Messianic Life
- ◆ There is a brutal war against children
Satan's Hidden Agenda: To destroy G-dly seed — Gen. 3:15 by the methods of pornography, divorce, abortion, sterilization, sodomy, TV, rock music, violence.
- ◆ The goal of Humanistic Medicine: "*Controlling human fertility ... by birth control, abortion and sterilization ... people must come to want fewer children*" (The Health Care of Women, McGraw-Hill, 1975)
- ◆ Five Resulting Reasons Some Women Do Not Want More Children
 - ✓ Abusive and Intrusive Birth Procedures
 - ✓ Rebellious children
 - ✓ Financial Pressures
 - ✓ Husband's Attitude Toward Children
 - ✓ Medical Fears
- ◆ People Refuse to follow Biblical Guidelines for Sexual Intimacy in Marriage (abstinence outside of marriage) and Take Matters in their Own Hands
- ◆ The Strength of a Family is in the Number of Children they Have (c.f., Ps 127)
- ◆ Education needs to be done primarily (and whenever possible) at home
- ◆ Apprenticeship is VERY valuable — sometimes more valuable than a college degree
- ◆ Financial Freedom is a goal for EVERYBODY

- ◆ People need to be financially responsible in tithes and offerings
- ◆ There should be NO DEBT in business nor in the home
- ◆ Certain business partnerships are Un-Scriptural
- ◆ Co-Signing of Loans is Un-Scriptural
- ◆ We must take personal responsibility in medical matters
- ◆ We must strive for a Biblically just system of law and government

Everyone has Blind Spots—We lovingly exhort one another into good works

“Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye. ” (Luke 6:41-42)

Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. (Gal. 6:1)

- ◆ We need to ask one another for our blind spots and receive feedback it in the spirit of G-d. I have asked you over the years to point out our blind spots - will you extend to us the same courtesy for the body's sake?
- ◆ G-d will not change His standards for our situations. We generally lack faith (trust)! We need to strive to do things G-d's way no matter what the price. Do not expect G-d to give an answer in prayer for something He has already specified in Scripture. We need to pray thusly: *“L-rd, give me the grace to do Thy Will”* (John 17)
- ◆ *The Torah of תורה is Perfect converting the soul. (Psalm 19) He Restoreth my soul. (Ps. 23:3)*

<p>We want to “Motivate” you to do what “G-d Wants” for the “Right Reason” and out of “Love and Respect” (the Fear of G-d) and not the fear of the Rabbi or the Congregation. We strive to show you an example - follow us as we follow Messiah.</p>
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