

# Does It Really Matter?

12/30/12

## A Check List:

### Love God

#### 1. Devotional time and lifestyle

**Romans 8:5** For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

<sup>6</sup> For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

#### 2. Marriage

**Ephesians 5:31** For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh.

<sup>32</sup> This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

#### 3. Family

**Deuteronomy 6:5** "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

<sup>6</sup> "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart;

<sup>7</sup> and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

#### 4. Friendships and partnerships

**Titus 2:3** Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

<sup>4</sup> that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

<sup>5</sup> to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.

#### 5. Life Group

**Ephesians 4:15** but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him, who is the head, *even* Christ,

<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

#### 6. Corporate worship

Note: prayer and the prayerful application of the Bible is central to each

### Love One Another

#### 7. Hospitality and fellowship

**Hebrews 13:1** Let love of the brethren continue.

<sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

#### 8. Helping each other (CrossPointe in Action)

**Galatians 5:13** For you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do not turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

<sup>14</sup> For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the *statement*, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

## 9. Helping our family around the world (CrossPointe in Action International)

### a. The persecuted church

**Hebrews 13:3** Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body.

#### **Matthew 24:34**

<sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

<sup>35</sup> 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;

<sup>36</sup> naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.'

<sup>40</sup> ...'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even* the least of *them*, you did it to Me.'

### b. The impoverished church

**Galatians 2:10** *They* only asked us to remember the poor-- the very thing I also was eager to do.

**1 John 3:16** We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

<sup>17</sup> But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

<sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

## Live the Mission

## 10. Love, serve and share personally

### Love

Spend time with and genuinely care about the welfare of the lost.

**Romans 9:2** ...I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.

<sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

### Serve

Meet needs. Love is known by the sacrifice it makes.

**Galatians 6:9** And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary.

<sup>10</sup> So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

### Share

Share the gospel, a testimony or an invitation to a gathering or event.

**Acts 1:8** but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

**Acts 8:3** But Saul *began* ravaging the church, entering house after house; and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

## 11. Love, serve and share together

## 12. Bridge Events

### 13. International Missions w a focus on unreached people groups

**Matthew 24:14** "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.

**Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

<sup>19</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

**Romans 15:20** And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was *already* named, that I might not build upon another man's foundation;

<sup>21</sup> but as it is written, "They who had no news of Him shall see, And they who have not heard shall understand."

## Support

### 14. Health

**1 Timothy 4:7** But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;

<sup>8</sup> for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and *also* for the *life* to come.

### 15. Vocation

**Ephesians 6:5** Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

<sup>6</sup> not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

<sup>7</sup> With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

<sup>8</sup> knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

<sup>9</sup> And, masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

### Facilities and stewardship

**Matthew 6:19** "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

<sup>20</sup> "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

<sup>21</sup> for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

### Deacons

**1 Timothy 3:8** Deacons likewise *must be* men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain,

<sup>9</sup> *but* holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

<sup>10</sup> And let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.

<sup>11</sup> Women *must likewise be* dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.

<sup>12</sup> Let deacons be husbands of *only* one wife, *and* good managers of *their* children and their own households.

<sup>13</sup> For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

### Pastors

**1 Peter 5:1** Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as *your* fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,

<sup>2</sup> shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will* of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;

<sup>3</sup> nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.