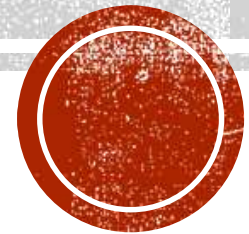


12-C'S OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

1Jn 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.



1-COMMITMENT

- Promise to do something
- Pledge towards accomplishment
- Examples
- Ruth – 1:15-17 “Promise to Naomi, her people and her God
- God is committed to His promises:
 - Heb. 10:23—“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”
 - 1 Pet. 2:23—“Who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously.”
 - Jesus committed Himself to the will of God.



2-CONFIDENCE

- Based on a Verifiable Hope (as biblically defined)
- Based on a Healthy View of Self
- Risks
 - $\text{Pride} = \text{Confidence} + \text{Ignorance}$
- Examples
- Jesus
- Paul & all of the Apostles
- Heb. 3:14—“For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end...”



3-CONSISTENCY

- Pattern or habit
- Persistence
- 1Co. 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.
- Prayer
- Scripture reading or Bible study
- Fellowship



4-CONTENTMENT

- “To be free from care because of satisfaction with what is already one’s own.”
 - Realizing that one’s outward conditions do not determine happiness.
 - Satisfaction, Peace of mind, Serenity, Resignation, Cheerfulness.
 - Involves the concept of Faith, Trust, Confidence in God.
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- Php 4:11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.



5-CONFLICT / CHALLENGE

- Christian = Persecuted
- Friends & Family Betrayals & Disappointments
- Personal & Business Losses
- Jam. 1:2-4 “Count it as joy...”
- Heb. 12:7 “It is for discipline that you have to endure.”
- You don’t grow unless you’re challenged with conflict.



6-CHARACTER

- Desirable personal qualities & traits i.e. Honesty, Integrity, Sincerity, etc.
- The Real You (without the mask)
- Moral Purity

- Daniel, Joseph, the apostles had character!
- A man's character is all he takes with him out of this world.
 - This is what he is....what he has accomplished.
 - With it....he stands before God in judgment.
- In the judgment....it is not WHO we are....but WHAT we are that will count.



C'S 7-12

- Cheerfulness – Phi. 4:4-7
- Caring – Mat. 22:37-40
- Control – 2Pe. 1:6
- Change – Heb. 6:4-6, Rev. 2:16; 3:19
- Conversions – Mat. 28:18-20
- Crown – Rev. 2:10, Jam. 1:12



CONCLUSION

1. Commitment
2. Confidence
3. Consistency
4. Contentment
5. Conflict
6. Character
7. Cheerfulness
8. Caring
9. Control
10. Change
11. Conversions
12. Crown

