

*Expressions
of Good
Pt. 9*

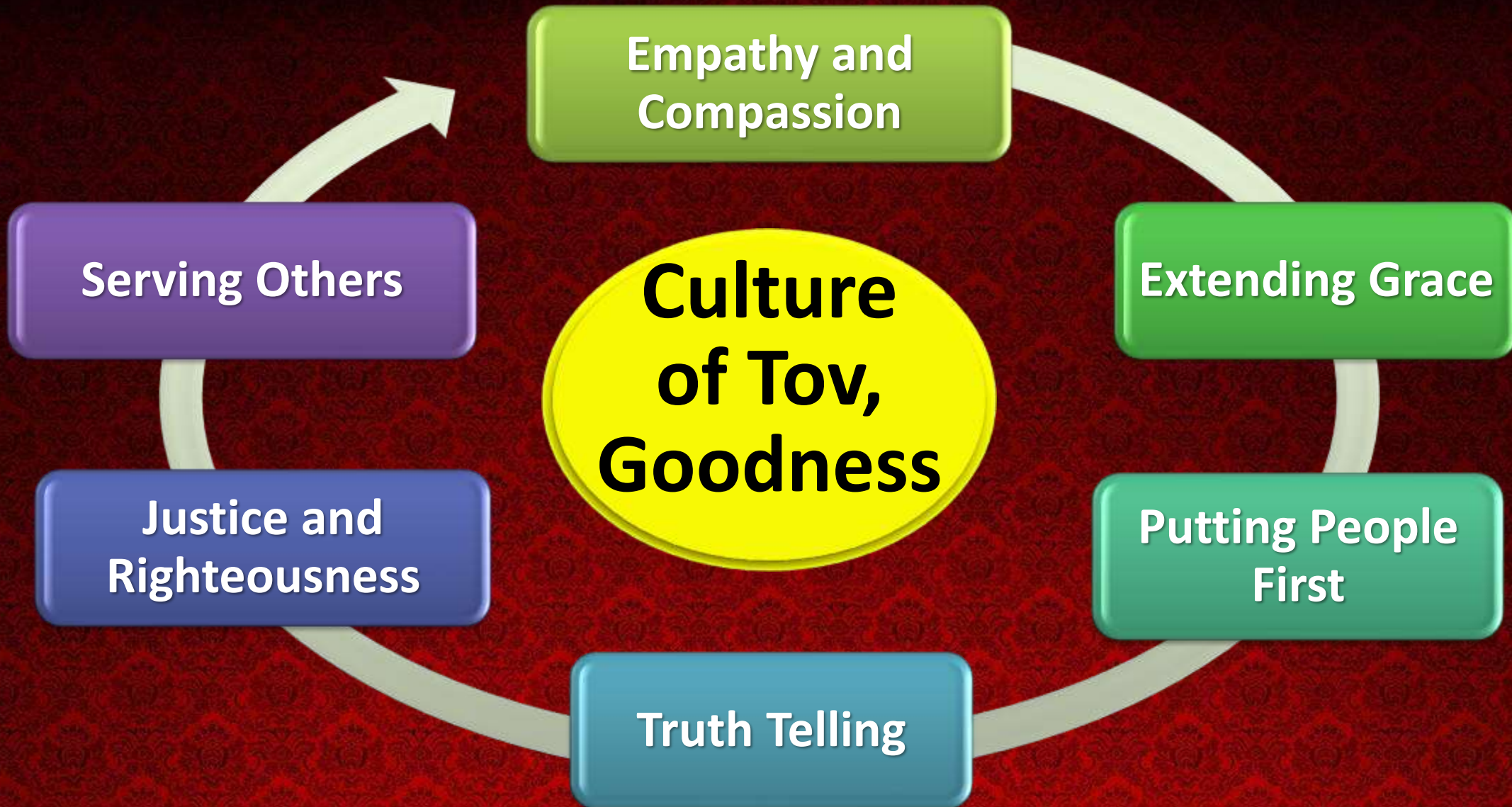
*A Church Of Tov
Nurtures
Christlikeness!*

“Never underestimate the power of the environment you work in to gradually transform who you are.”

– David Brooks

“We create the culture and then the culture creates us.”

I Have Affirmed That
By The Power Of The Spirit,
We Can Create A Culture Of Goodness
That Continually Renews Itself.
Thereby, We Can Create A Cycle, That Becomes
A Circle Of Good





Toxic

- Organization
- Meritocracy
- Produce a Product
- Spin the Truth
- “See You at the Top”
- Vulnerable are Trampled
 - Celebrity is Sought

Tov

- Organism, Christ’s Body
- Grace received and given
 - Put People First
- Speak Truth to Power
- Greatest will be Servants
- Justice and Righteousness
 - Serving Others

What We Value Will Be Evident

Two Stories

Two Schools

Two Galleries

Two Values

One Message

When We Embrace Tov,
We Show That
We Value Becoming Like
Jesus Christ.

Our Allegiance To Jesus Christ, As Lord,
Determines Everything We Are,
Everything We Do And
Everything We Hope To Become.

Thus, We Are Becoming A Christ-Formed
Culture That Forms Christlike Followers.

Colossians 1:15-18 (NLT2)

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.

*Everything was created through him and for him.
He existed before anything else, and he holds all
creation together.*

*Christ is also the head of the church, which is his
body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who
rise from the dead.*

So he is first in everything.

Paul Calls The Church To Christ-formed Relationships.

Philippians 2:1-11 (NLT2)

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being..

When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father

How Do We Proceed Toward Becoming A Church of Tov?

- Each of us should make it our personal responsibility to learn how to “Go teach, live and love like Jesus.”
- Join the mission of making disciples of Jesus who will also join in making disciples of Jesus.
- Dwell in the Word and then let the Word dwell in us.
- Become more open to what the Spirit is doing in our personal lives and in the life of the church. We should be asking, “Where are you leading us?”

Some Important Observations

- We don't have a work life and a church life, we have one life, lived in several places.
- In many, but not every, situation, living a life of Tov is more about showing than telling.
- Telling is essential but we only get a hearing when it is consistent with what we are showing in our life.
- In every situation learn to say with Jesus, “*not my will but yours be done.*”

Our Assignment:

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

-John Wesley