

# Centrality of Christ

(Week 2)

**Central Truth:** *“Growing an environment where it becomes very uncomfortable to honor self or elevate one’s personal group or agenda.”*

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## Centrality of Christ Defined

(Day 6)

The church is not an organization but rather a living, breathing organism which is truly alive in the Vine, recognizing that fulfillment and direction come from centering all of life in Christ. This means that every member commits to offer all of himself/herself personally to God. It makes “my” ministry, class or program an offering to God which is kept at His disposal; that all we do is for the whole church family, not just for the sake of the part in which I am most interested.

When Christ becomes central, partial commitment becomes very uncomfortable and unacceptable within the Body. Competition for budget dollars or time for emphasis becomes a moot point and rancor over it becomes unacceptable behavior. Each member then has one reason to attend, serve and fellowship; it is all to please the King. The single most important question becomes, “Is this what Jesus wants; would God be happy with this?” Vision raises the minimum requirement and sets a higher standard of expectation.

The vision is that this church will truly understand that success is not the long tenure of programs and buildings, or the maintenance of routines, but the concerted corporate effort of keeping Christ’s purpose central to every purpose, program and decision; that praying and consensus becomes far more important than voting, and that voting becomes only a means of affirming collectively the evident will of God (it is not declaring winners and losers).

This changes the first questions we ask about ministry plans from:

- Can we afford it?
- Have we done it that way in the past?
- Does it please most of the members?
- What are other churches around us doing?

To:

- Does this line up with Scripture?
- Does this line up with the guidance He has given us along the way?
- Does this line up with the Body's giftedness and circumstances He has brought together?
- Does this appear to be the way He can get the most glory?

### **Points to Ponder**

**Do you find yourself at times playing the role of a “sponge” looking to absorb as much as you can from church without giving anything back? How will making Christ central in your life change that “consumer” mentality?**

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## **The Body of Christ** (Day 7)

Read 1 Corinthians 12:13-26

### **Points to Ponder**

**Paul paints a beautiful analogy in the passage above by comparing the Body of Christ to our physical body. One body, in each case, requiring all of its members working together to function as designed. Do you believe that some members have more significant roles than others? Do you find yourself thinking, “My role is insignificant and will not be missed if left undone.” Or, “I wish I could be an ‘eye’ instead of a ‘hand’. If I can’t be an ‘eye’, I just won’t contribute.” How does making Christ central in your life change your attitude and approach as a member of the Body of Christ?**

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**We will devote Day 10 to the completion of the Spiritual Gifts Survey located in the Appendix section of our Vision Walk.**

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## **Committed to the Cross: Self-denial** (Day 8)

Read Luke 9:18-27

Jesus taught by asking questions. “What is the crowd’s opinion concerning me?” Several ideas were floating around! “John the Baptist has come back to life. Or Elijah? Or another prophet?” All those named shared one thing in common: they were dead. Jewish people had no problem thinking of God bringing a hero of old back to life to carry out his plans and directions. This time the Jewish people did not aim high enough with their search for understanding of Jesus. Yes, he was a prophet, but so much more. John was the returning Elijah figure (Malachi 4:5). He pointed to one far greater than himself, but how do you describe this far greater one? The crowds had seen the miracles and the feedings, but they had not understood the mystery of the kingdom – the identity of the one in whom the kingdom was present.

Jesus wanted more than the crowd’s response. That was only a background introduction to the real issue. “Who do you say I am?” The crowds had not understood. Had the disciples? As usual, Peter beat all the other disciples to the draw in answering. While they sat stunned or thoughtful, he spoke: “You are God’s Messiah”. What a great insight! Jesus was the one the Hebrew Bible kept pointing to. He was the one for whom all Israel hoped. He was the source of deliverance from all that opposed God’s people, even the Roman government. Peter waited for Jesus’ affirmation. Something else came and surprised him.

Jesus warned the disciples not to tell this to anyone. He used strong language of rebuke previously used for demonic spirits (Luke 4:35, 41), fevers (Luke 4:39), and the natural forces (Luke 8:24). He added language of warning and command (Luke 5:14; 8:29, 56). How could this be? “We have discovered God’s Messiah, Israel’s hope, the source of

deliverance and salvation, and we are not to say a word about it!” They did not understand.

Jesus had a simple but horrifying answer. Messiah in your mind is not what Messiah is in my mind or in God’s mind. You look for deliverance, salvation, military victory, and national domination. You look to Messiah to lead you to war. But I am Prince of Peace. I have methods radically distinct from those of the world. I will not become messianic king of the world through war and fighting. I have another way, God’s way, the way of suffering. Yes, I will stand against leadership, both Jewish and Roman, but they will win the first battle. Indeed, they will seem to have won the final battle, and they will kill me. Did you hear the last part? But on the third day I will be raised. Ready for that? First, you endure his suffering. And something else!

Many of you have followed me from place to place waiting for healing and miracles, Jesus continued. You are seeking the wrong thing. Yes, I provide healing and miracles to those in need. Those are signs of God’s power as he brings his kingdom to earth through me. But that is not where this earthly ministry leads. The final road you travel as you follow me leads to a criminal’s cross. Not a gold cross on a chain that enhances the beauty of the wearer. Not a piece of art in a museum that enhances the reputation of the artist or brings awe to a young art student. Not a massive cross atop a cathedral that marks off a holy place. No! This cross is among the world’s cruelest instruments of torture. You cannot wear this cross. You must bear it. You bear it to the government’s place of capital punishment. It becomes for you the gas chamber, the electric chair, the lethal injection all rolled into one.

*What does all this mean for us today? Self-denial. Quit looking for miracles and healing. Quit centering your attention on things that enhance and please you. Focus on Christ. Let him create a daily relationship with you. Find out what he wants you to do every day. Do it! Do not expect to win popularity contests, fame, fortune, or success. Be ready to suffer the rejection, pain, and death he suffered. His lifestyle leads to that. Only as you lead this lifestyle can you learn who the Messiah really is. Only this lifestyle leads to eternal life in heaven. Take up your cross and follow him to the death. Then you will find he is the life.*

Peter’s confession of Messiah did not bring the kingdom. The disciple’s successful preaching and healing mission did not bring the kingdom. Only the suffering, death, and resurrection of the Son of Man brought the kingdom into view so people could see its power and glory – a power and glory that will be even further magnified when the Son of Man comes in the glory of the Father and his angels to judge the earth.

Who sees that kingdom and participates in it? Those who follow the Son of Man on the path to the cross.

**Points to Ponder**

**What cross are you bearing today? How do you practice self-denial at First Baptist Church Batesville?**

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**Invitations from Jesus**  
(Day 9)

When Christ truly takes “center stage” in our lives, our perspectives change. Our relationships with each other, how we relate to the world, and our relationship with Jesus take on new meaning. Self takes a back seat and Christ is elevated to His rightful place next to the Father as He invites us to:

- Be wildly and fanatically in love with Jesus and rediscover Him daily
- Get plugged into a small community of like-minded people
- Go out into the world; “they hated Me; they will hate you”

No persecution is evidence of a lack of going.

Read John 15

**Points to Ponder**

**How do you demonstrate your love for Jesus? When was the last time you were persecuted for Christ?**

Our Western culture is like living in a golden birdcage and becoming enamored by the very cage that holds us captive. As your core values go, so will your interpretation of God’s will in your life. Comfort, convenience, safety, security are secondary to serving God. Don’t let your self-serving values destroy your passion.

**Ask yourself: “Are you more American or more Christian?”...test your heart.**

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**Application**  
(Day 10)

Complete the Spiritual Gifts Survey located in the Appendix.

**Points to Ponder**

**Look closely at your results. Are you serving Jesus Christ by using the spiritual gifts He has given you? How can you exercise at least one of the spiritual gifts given to you in the Body of Christ this week?**

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By Gene Wilkes

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<sup>1</sup> Ken Hemphill, *Serving God: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts Workbook* (Dallas: The Sampson Company, 1995), 22. This product is distributed by and available from LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention, and may be purchased by calling toll free 1-800-458-2772.

<sup>2</sup> *Your Spiritual Gifts Can Help Your Church Grow* by C. Peter Wagner, Copyright © 1979, Regal Books, Ventura, CA 93003. Used by permission, 42.

<sup>3</sup> These definitions exclude the “sign gifts” because of some confusion that accompanies these gifts and because they are difficult to fit into ministries within a typical church’s ministry base.

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS SURVEY

### DIRECTIONS

This is not a test, so there are no wrong answers. The *Spiritual Gifts Survey* consists of 80 statements. Some items reflect concrete actions; other items are descriptive traits; and still others are statements of belief.

- Select the one response you feel best characterizes yourself and place that number in the blank provided. Record your answer in the blank beside each item.
- Do not spend too much time on any one item. Remember, it is not a test. Usually your immediate response is best.
- Please give an answer for each item. Do not skip any items.
- Do not ask others how they are answering or how they think you should answer.
- Work at your own pace.

Your response choices are:

- 5—Highly characteristic of me/definitely true for me
  - 4—Most of the time this would describe me/be true for me
  - 3—Frequently characteristic of me/true for me—about 50 percent of the time
  - 2—Occasionally characteristic of me/true for me—about 25 percent of the time
  - 1—Not at all characteristic of me/definitely untrue for me
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- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I have the ability to organize ideas, resources, time, and people effectively.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I am willing to study and prepare for the task of teaching.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I am able to relate the truths of God to specific situations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I have a God-given ability to help others grow in their faith.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. I possess a special ability to communicate the truth of salvation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. I have the ability to make critical decisions when necessary.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. I am sensitive to the hurts of people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. I experience joy in meeting needs through sharing possessions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. I enjoy studying.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. I have delivered God's message of warning and judgment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. I am able to sense the true motivation of persons and movements.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. I have a special ability to trust God in difficult situations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. I have a strong desire to contribute to the establishment of new churches.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. I take action to meet physical and practical needs rather than merely talking about or planning to help.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. I enjoy entertaining guests in my home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. I can adapt my guidance to fit the maturity of those working with me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. I can delegate and assign meaningful work.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. I have an ability and desire to teach.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. I am usually able to analyze a situation correctly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. I have a natural tendency to encourage others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. I am willing to take the initiative in helping other Christians grow in their faith.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. I have an acute awareness of the emotions of other people, such as loneliness, pain, fear, and anger.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. I am a cheerful giver.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. I spend time digging into facts.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. I feel that I have a message from God to deliver to others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. I can recognize when a person is genuine/honest.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. I am a person of vision (a clear mental portrait of a preferable future given by God). I am able to communicate vision in such a way that others commit to making the vision a reality.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. I am willing to yield to God's will rather than question and waver.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. I would like to be more active in getting the gospel to people in other lands.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. It makes me happy to do things for people in need.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. I am successful in getting a group to do its work joyfully.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. I am able to make strangers feel at ease.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. I have the ability to plan learning approaches.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34. I can identify those who need encouragement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 35. I have trained Christians to be more obedient disciples of Christ.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 36. I am willing to do whatever it takes to see others come to Christ.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 37. I am attracted to people who are hurting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 38. I am a generous giver.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 39. I am able to discover new truths.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 40. I have spiritual insights from Scripture concerning issues and people that compel me to speak out.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 41. I can sense when a person is acting in accord with God's will.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 42. I can trust in God even when things look dark.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 43. I can determine where God wants a group to go and help it get there.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 44. I have a strong desire to take the gospel to places where it has never been heard.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 45. I enjoy reaching out to new people in my church and community.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 46. I am sensitive to the needs of people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 47. I have been able to make effective and efficient plans for accomplishing the goals of a group.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 48. I often am consulted when fellow Christians are struggling to make difficult decisions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 49. I think about how I can comfort and encourage others in my congregation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 50. I am able to give spiritual direction to others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 51. I am able to present the gospel to lost persons in such a way that they accept the Lord and His salvation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 52. I possess an unusual capacity to understand the feelings of those in distress.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 53. I have a strong sense of stewardship based on the recognition that God owns all things.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 54. I have delivered to other persons messages that have come directly from God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 55. I can sense when a person is acting under God's leadership.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 56. I try to be in God's will continually and be available for His use.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 57. I feel that I should take the gospel to people who have different beliefs from me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 58. I have an acute awareness of the physical needs of others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 59. I am skilled in setting forth positive and precise steps of action.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 60. I like to meet visitors at church and make them feel welcome.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 61. I explain Scripture in such a way that others understand it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 62. I can usually see spiritual solutions to problems.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 63. I welcome opportunities to help people who need comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counseling.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 64. I feel at ease in sharing Christ with nonbelievers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 65. I can influence others to perform to their highest God-given potential.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 66. I recognize the signs of stress and distress in others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 67. I desire to give generously and unpretentiously to worthwhile projects and ministries.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 68. I can organize facts into meaningful relationships.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 69. God gives me messages to deliver to His people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 70. I am able to sense whether people are being honest when they tell of their religious experiences.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 71. I enjoy presenting the gospel to persons of other cultures and backgrounds.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 72. I enjoy doing little things that help people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 73. I can give a clear, uncomplicated presentation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 74. I have been able to apply biblical truth to the specific needs of my church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 75. God has used me to encourage others to live Christlike lives.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 76. I have sensed the need to help other people become more effective in their ministries.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 77. I like to talk about Jesus to those who do not know Him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 78. I have the ability to make strangers feel comfortable in my home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 79. I have a wide range of study resources and know how to secure information.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 80. I feel assured that a situation will change for the glory of God even when the situation seem impossible.

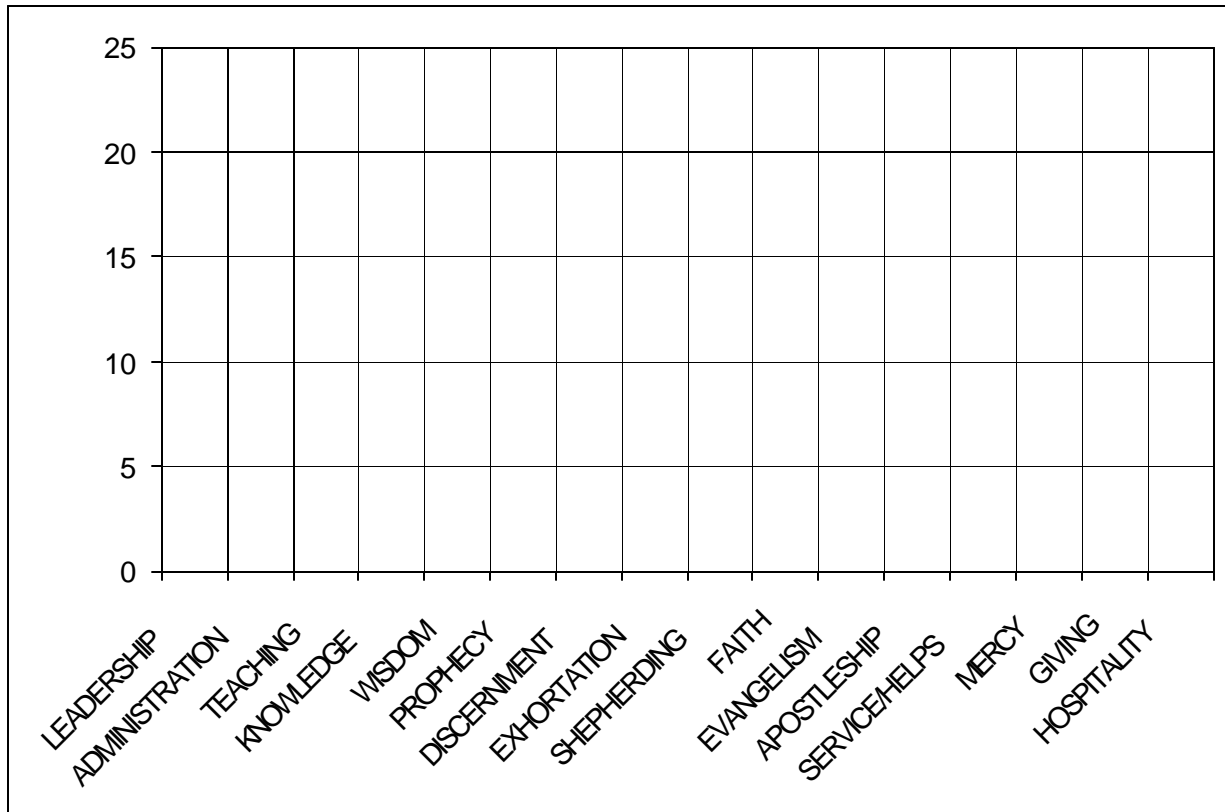
## SCORING YOUR SURVEY

Follow these directions to figure your score for each spiritual gift.

- Place in each box your numerical response (1-5) to the item number which is indicated below the box.
- For each gift, add the numbers in the boxes and put the total in the TOTAL box.

<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
	Item 6		Item 16		Item 27		Item 43		Item 65		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
	Item 1		Item 17		Item 31		Item 47		Item 59		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>TEACHING</b>	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
	Item 2		Item 18		Item 33		Item 61		Item 73		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>KNOWLEDGE</b>	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
	Item 9		Item 24		Item 39		Item 68		Item 79		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>WISDOM</b>	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
	Item 3		Item 19		Item 48		Item 62		Item 74		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>PROPHECY</b>	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
	Item 10		Item 25		Item 40		Item 54		Item 69		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>DISCERNMENT</b>	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
	Item 11		Item 26		Item 41		Item 55		Item 70		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>EXHORTATION</b>	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
	Item 20		Item 34		Item 49		Item 63		Item 75		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>SHEPHERDING</b>	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
	Item 4		Item 21		Item 35		Item 50		Item 76		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>FAITH</b>	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
	Item 12		Item 28		Item 42		Item 56		Item 80		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>EVANGELISM</b>	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
	Item 5		Item 36		Item 51		Item 64		Item 77		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>APOSTLESHIP</b>	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
	Item 13		Item 29		Item 44		Item 57		Item 71		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>SERVICE/HELPS</b>	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
	Item 14		Item 30		Item 46		Item 58		Item 72		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>MERCY</b>	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
	Item 7		Item 22		Item 37		Item 52		Item 66		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>GIVING</b>	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
	Item 8		Item 23		Item 38		Item 53		Item 67		<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	+	_____	=	_____
	Item 15		Item 32		Item 45		Item 60		Item 78		<b>TOTAL</b>

**GRAPHING YOUR PROFILE**



1. For each gift place a mark across the bar at the point that corresponds to your TOTAL for that gift.
2. For each gift shade the bar below the mark that you have drawn.
3. The resultant graph gives a picture of your gifts. Gifts for which the bars are tall are the ones in which you appear to be strongest. Gifts for which the bars are very short are the ones in which you appear not to be strong.

***Now that you have completed the survey, thoughtfully answer the following questions.***

The gifts I have begun to discover in my life are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

- After prayer and worship, I am beginning to sense that God wants me to use my spiritual gifts to serve Christ's body by \_\_\_\_\_.
- I am not sure yet how God wants me to use my gifts to serve others. But I am committed to prayer and worship, seeking wisdom and opportunities to use the gifts I have received from God.

Ask God to help you know how He has gifted you for service and how you can begin to use this gift in ministry to others.