

# The Wheel Diagram – The Obedient Christian in Action

The Wheel represents the Christ-centered life, which can't be lived sitting down.

## The Hub: Christ the Center

*2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20; John 15:5*

Just as the driving force in a wheel comes from the hub, so the power to live the Christian life comes from Jesus Christ the Center. He lives in us in the Person of the Holy Spirit, whose expressed purpose is to glorify Christ.

## The Rim: Obedience to Christ

*Romans 12:1-2; John 14:21; Luke 6:46*

The rim represents the Christian responding to Christ's Lordship through wholehearted, day-by-day obedience to Him through faith and repentance. The proof of your love for God is your demonstrated obedience to Him.

## The Word Spoke

*1 Peter 2:2; 2 Timothy 3:16; Joshua 1:8*

The spokes show the means by which Christ's power becomes operative in our lives. We maintain personal contact with God through the vertical spokes—the Word and prayer. The Word is our spiritual food as well as our sword for spiritual battle. It is the foundational spoke for effective Christian living. As God speaks to you through the Scriptures, you can see His principles for life and ministry, learn how to obey, and become acquainted with Christ. A vital personal intake of God's Word is essential for health and growth.

## The Prayer Spoke

*John 15:7; Philippians 4:6-7*

Opposite this is the spoke representing Prayer. Through prayer we have direct communication with our heavenly Father and receive provision for our needs. As we pray, we show our dependence upon and trust in Him. Prayer is a natural response to God as you hear Him speak to you through His Word. Prayer unleashes the power of God in your personal battles and in the lives of those for whom you pray.

## The Fellowship Spoke

*Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 John 1:3*

The horizontal spokes concern our relationship to people—believers, through Christian fellowship; and unbelievers, through witnessing. Fellowship centred around the Lord Jesus Christ provides the mutual encouragement, admonition, and stimulation we all need as we learn from and encourage each other. God has directed Christians to build each other up through inter-dependence and loving relationships with each other.

## The Witnessing Spoke

*Matthew 4:19; Romans 1:16; 1 Peter 3:15*

The first three spokes prepare us for passing on to others all that we have received from the Lord. The natural overflow of a rich vibrant life in Christ should be sharing with others how they too can have this life. This is accomplished through Witnessing, sharing our own experience of Christ and declaring and explaining the Gospel, God's power to save.

