

THE NAVIGATOR WHEEL ILLUSTRATION

Balanced Life
Appendix One



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CHRIST IS THE CENTER (*2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20*).

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 you in the Person of the Holy Spirit, whose expressed purpose is to glorify Christ.

OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST (*Romans 12:1; John 14:21*).

The rim represents the Christian responding to Christ's lordship through wholehearted day-by-day obedience to Him.

THE WORD (*2 Timothy 3:16; Joshua 1:8*).

The spokes show the means by which Christ's power becomes operative in your life. You maintain personal contact with God through the vertical spokes — the Word and prayer. The Word is your spiritual food as well as your sword for spiritual battle. It is the foundational spoke for effective Christian living.

PRAYER (*John 15:7; Philippians 4:6-7*).

Opposite the Word is the spoke representing prayer. Through prayer you have direct communication with your Heavenly Father and receive Provision for your needs. As you pray, you show your dependence on and trust in Him.

FELLOWSHIP (*Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 10:24-25*).

The horizontal spokes concern your relationship to people — believers, through Christian fellowship, and non-believers, through witnessing. Fellowship centered around the Lord Jesus Christ provides the mutual encouragement, admonition and stimulation you need.

WITNESSING (*Matthew 4:19; Romans 1:16*)

The first three spokes prepare you for passing on to others all you have received from the Lord. This is accomplished through witnessing, sharing your own experience of Christ and declaring and explaining the gospel, God's power to save.

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