

# The Christ-Centered Life

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## I. Introduction.

- A. The speaker followed a girl to church that he was interested in when he was young.
- B. His church experience led him to give his life to Christ.
- C. He was introduced to the Navigators after having attempted several times unsuccessfully to get into the Word of God. Someone led him to Dawson Trotman who began to train him and help him.
- D. Trotman met with Sanny one on one which was the foundation of the Navigators. He taught him the basics of living the victorious Christian life.
- E. There is a significant commitment to living a successful Christian life. Trotman taught Sanny this through “the Wheel.”



## II. The Wheel.

- A. Christ is the center.
- B. The spokes make it move.
  - 1. The Word.
  - 2. Prayer.
  - 3. Obedience.
  - 4. Witnessing.

III. Inadequate means for Christian growth.

- A. The New Year's resolution approach.
- B. The pruning method. You do not get victory over issues one at a time or once and for all. The whole life must be in view.
- C. The bailing wire method. This is working on the positives. The problem is one forgets the rules and has strange combinations.
- D. The imitation of Christ. This is better but inadequate still because this is external rather than internal.
- E. The hub-less wheel. Life must start with Christ. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

IV. The Wheel applied.

- A. Christ the center - we are to commit to His Lordship.
- B. The Word. We should get to know the Lord a little more each day through our Quiet Time.
- C. Prayer. Through prayer we consent to Christ's Lordship.
- D. Obedience. We demonstrate that Christ is Lord in our lives. Disobedience or rebellion is sin. He that has clean hands will be stronger, and he that has dirty hands will be weaker. (Luke 6:44, Job 17:9)
- E. Witnessing. We acknowledge to others that Jesus Christ is our Lord. (Matthew 16:16, John 6:68)
- F. It all starts and ends in Jesus Christ.

**Application questions.**

1. What are the five principles of the wheel illustration?

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2. How do the spokes relate to the hub?

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3. Which of the principles do you find most convicting? What are three concrete things you can do to better practice this principle in your daily life?

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