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The doctrines of grace, the life of the Spirit, to the glory of God

# **Concentric Circles**

## **Biblically Prioritizing Our Lives**

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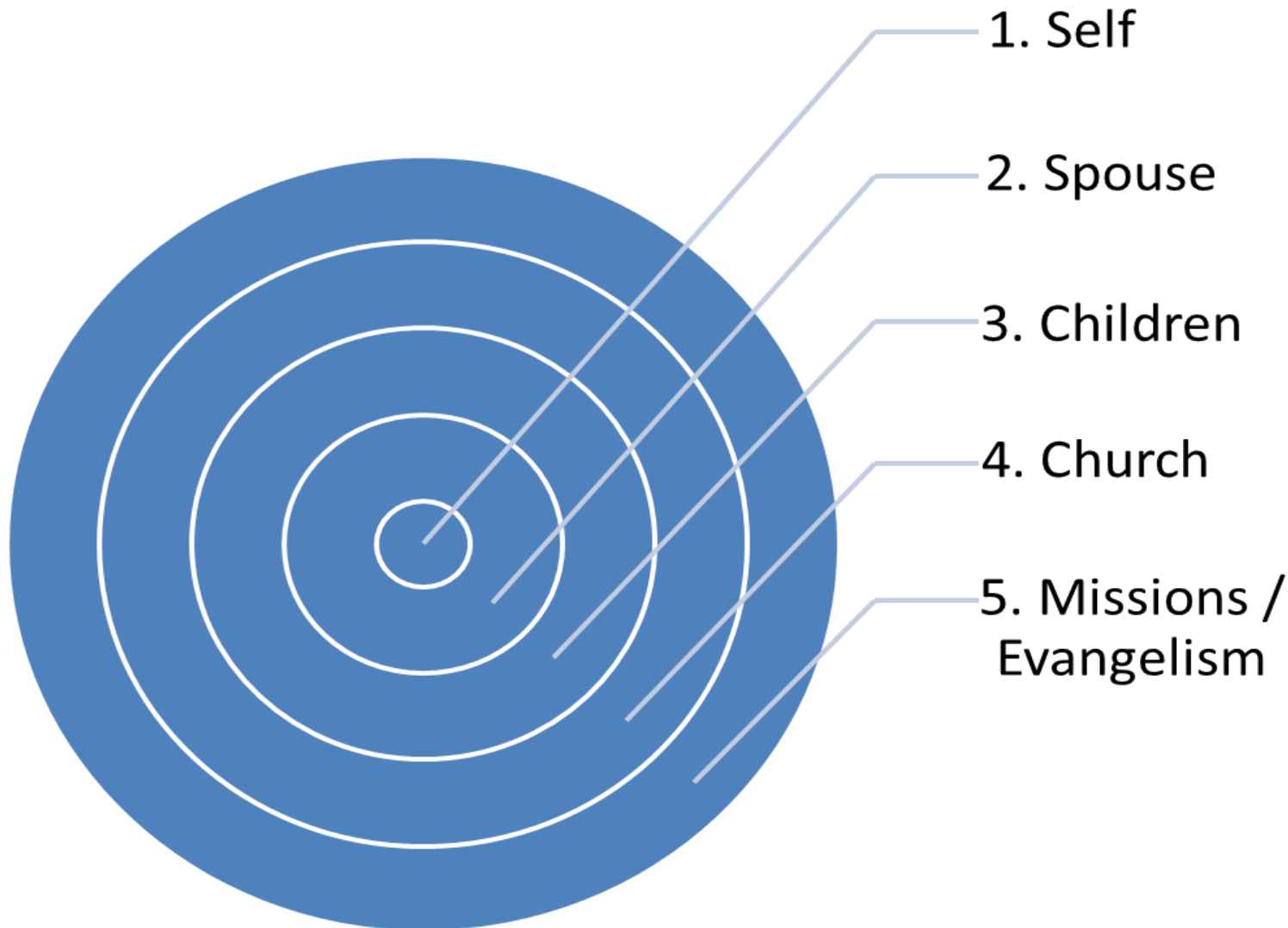
**Romans 14:12** *So then each of us will give an account of himself to God* (1 Cor 3:13-15)

- Scripture calls us to be good stewards (managers)
- Matthew 25-Parable of the Talents v21 “*Well done good and faithful servant*”
- 1 Tim 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9 Qualifications for elders, although all believers should strive to be marked by these characteristics
  - Qualifications of faithful stewards
  - We must all be faithful stewards with our lives
- In order to be faithful stewards, we must prioritize our lives
  - Everyone’s life in here is prioritized, the question is “Based on what?”
  - As Christians, it must be based on Scripture

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Keeping with the principle of stewardship (being faithful with what God has called me to, according to His providence):



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**We haven't walked through what you are called to in each circle yet, but even without knowing what each circle entails, you are called to prioritize your life in order to fulfill the circle.**

- As we walk through a circle, and you examine yourself, if you are not fulfilling your call (as a style of life), you must do whatever is necessary to conform your life so you can fulfill the call
  - James 4:17, James 1:23
- Every one of these circles is going to require a lot of time and attention (Luke 14:33)
  - You will have to purpose in each area to understand the call and fulfill the call (Constant reformation)
  - You will have to think through the practical implications of each circle, asking “What will it take for me to fulfill this call?”

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**2 Peter 1:3** *His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness*

- He has called us to obedience, and empowered us to obey
- We cannot say “In order for me to fulfill this circle, I must forsake that circle”
  - God does not call a person to forsake his spouse or children to fulfill his call within the church (Elder disqualified)

If all true believers want to glorify God (as a style of life), why is this so hard?

- Eph 2:2 “*The course of this world*” is running the opposite direction
- Don’t know what you are called to in each area of life
- Undisciplined lives/time (Laziness)/ Wrong priorities
  - “*Godliness is the result of a disciplined spiritual life. The heart of a disciplined life is the discipline of time.*”-Don Whitney
- Have you seen a Savior worth selling everything for to buy the field (Matt 13:44)?

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**Ripple effect in fulfilling the concentric circles:**

- We will all be nurturing and guarding our own hearts
- Husbands will be leading their wives and wives will be submitting to their husbands (Unified/One)
- Parents will leading, teaching, disciplining and discipling their children
- The church will be using their gifts to build up the church, fulfilling the one another's, and devoted to the fellowship
- The church will be individually/corporately fulfilling the great commission
- END-God will be glorified

**Understanding the call in each circle, and prioritizing your life to fulfill the practical implications of each circles, is conforming your life to Scripture**

**Psalm 39:4** *“O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!”*

**Psalm 90:12** *Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.*