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10 Core Beliefs - Loving God and Neighbor

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your strength,
and with all your mind; and
Love your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27*

TRINITY

I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 13:14, "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

SALVATION BY GRACE

I believe a person comes into a right relationship with God by His grace, through faith in Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:8-9, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast."

AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE

I believe the Bible is the Word of God and has the right to command my belief and action.

2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

LOVING, PERSONAL GOD

I believe God is involved in and cares about my daily life.

Psalms 121:1-2, "I lift up my eyes to the hills--where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth."

HOLY LIVING

I believe that my heart and life should reflect the holiness of God.

1 Peter 1:14-16, "As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

CHURCH

I believe the church is God's primary way to accomplish His purposes on earth today.

Ephesians 4:15-16, "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

GLOBAL VISION

I believe all people of the world are loved by God and need Jesus Christ as their Savior.

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

COMPASSION

I believe God calls all Christians to show compassion to those in need.

Psalms 82:3-4, "Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

ETERNITY

I believe there is a heaven and a hell and that Jesus Christ is returning to judge the earth and to establish His eternal kingdom.

John 14:1-4, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

STEWARDSHIP

I believe that everything I am or own belongs to God.

1 Timothy 6:17-19, "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."

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WORSHIP

I worship God for who He is and what He has done for me.

Psalm 95:1-7, "Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care."

PRAYER

I pray to God to know Him, to lay my request before Him and to find direction for my daily life.

Psalm 66:16-20, "Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what He has done for me. I cried out to Him with my mouth; His praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld His love from me!"

BIBLE STUDY

I study the Bible to know God, the truth, and to find direction for my daily life.

Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

MISSIONS

I go into all of the world to make disciples of all nations.

Matthew 28:18-20, "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

I know and use my spiritual gifts to accomplish God's purposes.

Romans 12:4-6, "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us."

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

I involve myself in the meeting of the physical needs of people.

Matthew 25:44-45, "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'"

CARING COMMUNITY

I fellowship with other Christians to accomplish God's purposes in my life, others' lives, and in the world.

Acts 2:44-47, "All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as He had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

GIVING AWAY MY TIME

I give away my time to fulfill God's purposes.

Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

GIVING AWAY MY MONEY

I give away my money to fulfill God's purposes.

2 Corinthians 8:7, "But just as you excel in everything, in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us, see that you also excel in this grace of giving."

GIVING AWAY MY FAITH

I give away my faith to fulfill God's purposes.

Ephesians 6:19-20, "Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."

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JOY

I have inner contentment and purpose in spite of my circumstances.

John 15:11, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

PEACE

I am free from anxiety because things are right between God, myself and others.

Philippians 4:6-7, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

FAITHFULNESS

I have established a good name with God and with others based on my long-term loyalty to those relationships.

Proverbs 3:3-4, "Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man."

SELF-CONTROL

I have the power, through Christ, to control myself.

Titus 2:11-13, "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope-the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ..."

HUMILITY

I choose to esteem others above myself.

Philippians 2:3-4, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

LOVE

I sacrificially and unconditionally love and forgive others.

1 John 4:10-12, "This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."

PATIENCE

I take a long time to overheat and endure patiently under the unavoidable pressures of life.

Proverbs 14:29, "A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly."

KINDNESS/GOODNESS

I choose to do the right things in my relationships with others.

1 Thessalonians 5:15, "Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else."

GENTLENESS

I am thoughtful, considerate and calm in dealing with others.

Philippians 4:5, "Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near."

HOPE

I can cope with the hardships of life and with death because of the hope I have in Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 6:19-20, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf."

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BODY: *As the physical house of God's Spirit, I will honor God with my body, by practicing healthy eating habits, exercising, and by eliminating any addictions/practices that may hinder that.*

Romans 6:12-13 (NLT) ...Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to its lustful desires. Do not let any part of your body become a tool of wickedness, to be used for sinning. Instead, give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life. And use your whole body as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 6:18-20; 1 Corinthians 9:27; Romans 12:1

MIND: *I will bring my thought life under the Lordship of Christ, by seeking the mind of Christ, judging my thoughts by God's Word, and by thinking on things that are pure and right.*

Romans 12:2 (NIV) ...Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 8:6-7; 1 Corinthians 2:16; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Philippians 4:8.

ATTITUDES: *With God's help, I am responsible for my attitude toward others, life, myself, and my circumstances.*

Philippians 2:5 ...Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Ephesians 4:23...to be made new in the attitude of your minds; Philippians 4:13...I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

EMOTIONS: *In practicing emotional wholeness and spiritual health, I will learn what emotions are to be expressed and how, and which should be left unexpressed, without being dominated or afraid of either.*

Ephesians 4:26 ..."In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.

CAREER: *Work is honorable and is a calling from God, therefore I will yield my business decisions to God and trust Him for my career and advancement.*

Exodus 34:21 ..."Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the plowing season and harvest you must rest." Colossians 3:23 ... Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.

FAMILY: *Next to my relationship with Jesus Christ, my relationships with my family are my priority.*

Matthew 19:6 ..So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." Colossians 3:18-19 (NLT)... You wives must submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord. And you husbands must love your wives and never treat them harshly. Ephesians 6:4 (NIV) ...Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. 1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV) ...If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

MOTIVES: *The reasons behind what I do are open and transparent to all, with no deceit.*

1 Timothy 1:5 (NLT)...The purpose of my instruction is that all the Christians there would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and sincere faith. Acts 8:21 ... You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Psalm 19:14 ...May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in our sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

SPEECH: *My speech should encourage, build others up, and be used with self-control, a fruit of the Spirit.*

Ephesians 4:29...Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. James 1:26 ...If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

POSSESSIONS: *All that I have belongs to the Lord and is His to do with as He directs. The number one way I show my love for God is with my stewardship.*

Deuteronomy 14:23 (NLT) ...Bring this tithe to the place the LORD your God chooses for his name to be honored, and eat it there in his presence. This applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn males of your flocks and herds. The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to fear the LORD your God. 1 Timothy 6:6-10 ...But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

TIME: *With no guarantee of tomorrow, and with the brevity of life, how we spend our time today will determine our contribution to the Kingdom of God and all of eternity.*

Ephesians 5:16...making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. James 4:13-14...Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Psalm 90:12 ... Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.