

CHARACTERISTIC ONE:

Walking with Jesus

Fruits of Living in Connection with Jesus – Joe Brown

John 14:21

He who has My commandment and keeps them, he it is who loves Me and he who loves Me, will be loved by My Father and I will love Him and manifest Myself to him. RSV & John 15

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has passed away, behold the new has come.

The Lordship of Christ. – Pre-eminent Illustration



Christ Not Present

THE SELF-DIRECTED LIFE



SELF is on the throne

Interests are directed by self,
resulting in discord, frustration



Christ is outside the life

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Christ Present/Prominent

THE SELF-DIRECTED LIFE



SELF is on the throne

Christ dethroned and not allowed to direct the life

Interests are directed by self, often resulting in discord, frustration

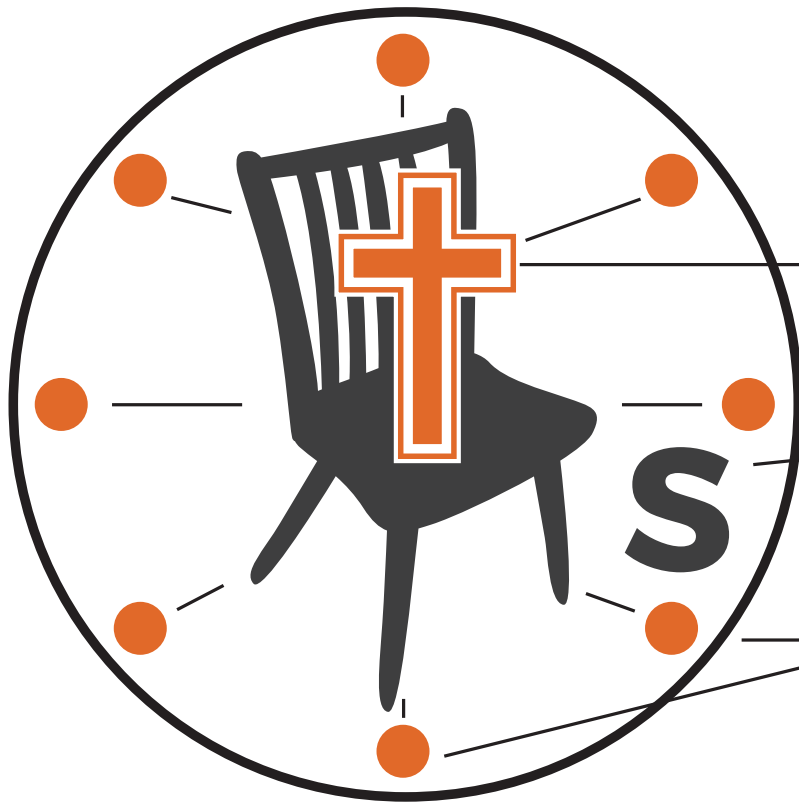
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Christ Pre-eminent

In everything He might be preeminent. Colossians 1:18b

THE CHRIST-DIRECTED LIFE



CHRIST is on the throne

Self is yielding to Christ

Interests are directed by Christ,
resulting in harmony with God's plan

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CHALLENGE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Reflection Questions:

1. How would you describe the gospel of Jesus? What does that mean to you?
2. What does it mean to Abide in Christ?
3. Ponder the following quote from Jim Elliot: "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." What does the "Lordship of Christ" mean to you?
4. In the Mary & Martha story from Luke 10:39-42, who do you most identify with, Martha or Mary? Why? If you were Martha ten years later, what would you say or feel about this event then? How does this story affect you?

