

# I Honor Jesus Christ when I \_\_\_\_\_.

However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ. Ephesians 4:7 (NLT)

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. <sup>4</sup> Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. <sup>5</sup> God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. <sup>6</sup> So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. <sup>7</sup> He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. <sup>8</sup> He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. Ephesians 1:3-8 (NLT)

Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, <sup>22</sup> throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. <sup>23</sup> Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. <sup>24</sup> Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. Ephesians 4:21-24 (NLT)

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>2</sup> In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>7</sup> But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you see that you also excel in this grace of giving. <sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. II Corinthians 8:1-2; 7, 9 (NIV)

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21 (NLT)

How is my \_\_\_\_\_ reflected in my \_\_\_\_\_?

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**Our Mission**  
**To Build A Community Of Believers**  
To Honor Jesus Christ In Our Daily Lives  
**To Share His Love With Everyone!**

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**But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. I Timothy 1:5 (NAS)**

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. <sup>12</sup> Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup> This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. <sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. <sup>15</sup> Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. <sup>16</sup> He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephesians 4:11-16 (NLT)

**Concordia Wesleyan Church is the place to be...**  
**To \_\_\_\_\_; To \_\_\_\_\_; To \_\_\_\_\_**  
Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Ephesians 4:1 (NLT)

**Believing is \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Belonging is \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Becoming is \_\_\_\_\_**

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Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. <sup>7</sup> Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7 (NLT)

## I grow by \_\_\_\_\_ in and \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word in my daily life.

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.  
Romans 10:17 (NAS)

Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. <sup>13</sup> For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.  
Philippians 2:12-13 (NLT)

You have been taught the Holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.  
II Timothy 3:15-17 (NLT)

I prayed for faith, and thought that someday faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, "Now faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God". I had closed my Bible, and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible, and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since.  
(Dwight L. Moody)

Where have I seen \_\_\_\_\_ in my life?  
Where do I need to \_\_\_\_\_?

## ✝ I Honor Jesus Christ when I \_\_\_\_\_ with God's people.

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly... Ephesians 4:16a (NLT)

...but you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian. <sup>20</sup> What a foundation you stand on now: the apostles and the prophets; and the cornerstone of the building is Jesus Christ himself! <sup>21</sup> We who believe are carefully joined together with Christ as parts of a beautiful, constantly growing temple for God. <sup>22</sup> And you also are joined with him and with each other by the Spirit and are part of this dwelling place of God.  
Ephesians 2:19-22 (TLB)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> 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, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.  
Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

How am I \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_?

## ✝ I Honor Jesus Christ when I \_\_\_\_\_ my daily life to God's purpose and \_\_\_\_\_.

...As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephesians 4:16b (NLT)

... If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me.  
Matthew 16:21b (NLT)

"Until I am committed, there is a hesitancy, a chance to draw back. But the moment I definitely commit myself, then God moves also, and a whole steam of events erupt. All manner of unforeseen incidents, meetings, persons, and material assistance which I could never have dreamed would come my way begin to flow toward me—the moment I make a commitment"  
(John Maxwell)

What am I \_\_\_\_\_ to?

### A quick priority checklist:

How do I spend my \_\_\_\_\_?

What am I doing with my \_\_\_\_\_?

How do I use my \_\_\_\_\_?