

UNSTOPPABLE!

FULL DEVOTION

Through the power of prayer, God's Spirit, and God's Word:

We will **actively pursue lives** of **full devotion to Christ** displayed by godly **character**, joyful **obedience**, responsible **stewardship**, and contagious **faith**.

Two Metaphors for the Church:

1. an _____, and

2. a _____

Ephesians 4:12-16 – “to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the

body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the

knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then ... 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.

1. How does a person become a follower of Christ? (“full devotion to Christ”)

- Following Jesus is a _____ reality as well as _____ decision.

“For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.” (Philippians 2:13)

- Following Jesus Christ involves both spiritual _____ and spiritual _____.

“You must be born again.” (John 3:7)

“And we are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory,

which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” (II Corinthians 3:18)

- No amount of religious activity or noble programs can _____ a _____. Only God can.

2. Where is the power to become fully devoted? (“through the power of prayer, God’s Spirit, and God’s Word”)

- Jesus not only gave us a perfect example and path to follow Him. He also gave us the _____ in the _____ (*Eph. 1:13-14; 3:16*)

“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through

his Spirit in your inner being.” (Ephesians 3:16)

- Following Jesus Christ involves a _____ on God’s power.

3. What role do I play in following Christ? (“we will actively pursue lives”)

- If the Spirit’s power is essential, so is my _____.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you

rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and

humble in heart. ...and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke

is easy and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

- Following Jesus Christ involves a _____ to a person and a _____ to transformation in community.

4. What are the signs of full devotion to Christ?

- Godly _____ (Being)

Proverbs 4:23: “Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of

life.” Galatians 5:22-25 – the fruit of the Spirit

- Joyful _____ (Doing)

“And this is love for God: to obey his commands.” (1 John 5:3)

“...teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you.”

(Matthew 28:19)

“Jesus ... who for the joy set before him endured the cross”

(Hebrews 12:2)

- Responsible _____ (Giving)

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew

6:21)

- Contagious _____ (Sharing)

“God who... through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.” (II Corinthians 2:14)

Following Jesus Christ involves an _____ of abundant _____ from a changed life.

Full Devotion involves a life offered in _____.