



Levy Core Values

Maturity in Christ

2 Peter 1:5-8; John 15:1-8; Galatians 2:20

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When fruit is mature, when it is ready to eat and tastes its best,
it is said to be ripe.

† **R**elationships (Matthew 22:35-40; John 15:12; Colossians 3:12-17) – Father (born again)

- The Main Thing
- Connection - Connecting with God and with Others
- Answer the Call
- Core to Core - Authenticity
- Ever increasing Intimacy
- Characterized by love, compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience
- Stream of Counseling
- Friend Face
- Believe

† **I**ntegrity (Philippians 2:14-16; Proverbs 1-31; 1 Peter 1:13-16; 1 John 3:3; Romans 12:1-2) – Son (made righteous)

- Godly Character, fruit of the spirit
- How we live our lives, obedience to the word of God, keep His Commandments
- Transformed by the renewing of our minds
- Purity and Holiness
- Right Living and Godly Choices
- Stream of Discipleship
- King Face
- Become

† **P**laymaker (Philippians 3:7-14; Joshua 1:2-9) – Holy Spirit (power)

- Live Intentionally
- Led by the Spirit
- Lead a Life of Significance
- A Life that Counts for Good
- A Man of Action
- Seize the Day/the Moment to do Good (Ephesians 5:15-17)
- Help Others, Add Value to Others
- A Battle to Fight, An Adventure to Live, A Beauty to Rescue, A World to Serve
- Be like Jesus
- Study the Life of Christ and the lives of the saints – Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Caleb, David, Daniel, Paul, Peter, Ezra, Nehemiah, Abraham, etc.
- Be a Difference Maker
- Bear Fruit
- Stream of Warfare
- Warrior Face
- Do

† **E**xpect God's Reward (Hebrews 11:6; 12:1-2; Colossians 3:23-24) – Sabbath Rest (joy)

- Eternity
- The Reason Why
- Motivation/Inspiration
- Our future hope
- Power to persevere lies here
- Stay the Course
- Stream of Healing
- Lover Face
- Persevere



Relationships

(Matthew 22:35-40; John 15:12; Matt 6:33, 7:21-23) – The Main Thing – Connection - Connecting with God and with Others - Answer the Call - Core to Core – Authenticity - ever increasing Intimacy - Stream of Counseling – Friend Face - Believe.

- The Main Thing is a relationship with God. Nothing else matters without this. (Psalm 127; Exodus 20:1-7; Deut 6:4-9; Matt 16:24-27, 22:35-40; Luke 9:23-27)
- Remember what God has done (Deut 5:15, 8:2, 15:15; Eccl 12:1; Is 46:9; Eph 2:12)
- Relationship to our self – accept God’s design for my life, who I am, where I am, my destiny (God’s plan), that I am a sinner and need salvation, headed for hell and judgment apart from God, the brutal truth about my situation, etc. (Genesis 1-5; Romans 3:23)
- Relationship to God – trust God - we must be born again – accept that God’s solution is Jesus Christ (John 3:1-16; Romans 10:9-10; Deut 6:4-9; Proverbs 3:5-6; Ephesians 2) - Repent and Believe the Gospel - God as our Father (Matt 6:9-13); accept that I am loved by God (John 3:16) Pray at all times (Eph 6:18)
- Relationship to Family (Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 3:18-21) – care for family, husbands love your wives, wives respect your husbands, children obey your parents, fathers do not exasperate your children
- Marriage Relationship – reflecting the image of God
- Relationship to Others (Galatians 5:14; Philippians 2:1-8) – care for others, the golden rule
- Characterized by Love (care for) (1 Corinthians 13; John 15:13) and Trusting God (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- Put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience (Colossians 3:12-17)
- Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32)
- The Ten Commandments - Laws of Relationship - first 4 with God, last 6 with others (Exodus 20:1-17) – love God and love others and we keep the commandments.
- What does God want? God wants faith. (Hebrews 11:6)



Integrity

(Philippians 2:14-16; Proverbs 1-31; 1 Peter 1:13-16; 1 John 3:3; Romans 12:1-2; Prov 11:3) – Godly Character - How we live our lives – Transformation - Transformed by the renewing of our minds - Purity – Holiness – Right Living - Godly Choices - Stream of Discipleship – King Face - Become.

- Spirit-led godliness in all things (Romans 8:1-14; Proverbs 3:5-6)
- Fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:22) – gaze upon Jesus and He will transform us and bear fruit in our life (2 Corinthians 3:18; John 15; Hebrews 12:2)
- Renovation of character – transformation - desires under God’s control - surrender (Romans 6:12; 12:1-2; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 2:28-29; Ezekiel 11:19, 36, 24-27)
- Apply God’s word to your Life (Matthew 7:24-27) - True Success (Joshua 1:8)
- Godly Virtues (2 Peter 1:5-11; 1 Cor 13; 1 Cor 6:18-20; Heb 13:16; Phil 4:8; Eph 4:1-6; Book of Proverbs; Exodus 20:1-17)
- The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:1-21) The first four Commandments contain the Trinity and the Gospel (Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Rest) Our relationship with God. The last six Commandments outline our relationship with others (honor parents, do not murder, commit adultery, steal, lie, or covet). The first (no idols) and last (do not covet) commandments are the key to keeping the other eight. To break any of the others starts with breaking the first and/or last Commandment.
- Be a disciple of Christ (Matthew 16:24-27; Luke 9:23-26) – cultivate the habits of the heart (Colossians 3:12-17)
- Be holy (1 Peter 1:13-16), gird your minds for action, sow to the Spirit, not the flesh (Galatians 6:7-8).
- We are not motivated out of fear and/or pride, but rather we are inspired by the love of God and the sacrifice of Christ – knowing we are accepted as we are – we are men of integrity because we are accepted by God, not in order to be accepted. (Exodus 20:1-2)
- Joy is the indicator if we are doing integrity in the flesh or in the spirit. (Gal 5:22)
- What does God want me to be? God wants me to be a blessing. (Genesis 18:18; Psalm 133; Phil 2:1-11; Matt 5:16;



Playmaker

(Philippians 3:7-14; Joshua 1:2-9) – Live Intentionally – Lead a Life of Significance that Counts for Good – A Man of Action - Seize the Day/the Moment to do Good (Ephesians 5:15-17) – help others – a Battle to Fight, an Adventure to Live, a Beauty to Rescue, and a World to Serve – Add Value to Others - Be like Jesus – Study the Life of the saints – Be a Difference Maker – Bear Fruit - Stream of Warfare – Warrior Face – Do.

- Service - Be in the game, not on the bench – care for and help others (2 Timothy 2:4-5; Matthew 22:36-40)
- Attitude - Deny myself, take up my cross, and follow Jesus (Matthew 16:24) – Die to Live – Salt and Light (Matthew 5:13-16) - Life giving Spirit (John 7:38) - His will, not mine (Matthew 26:36-42) – surrender your will to God – brokenness (Colossians 3:5-17; Philippians 2:1-9) – positive attitude
- Reject Passivity – Take the Initiative (John 10:10; Philippians 2:5-8) – be intentional – “See it, Do it”
- Accept Responsibility – Be a Man (Psalm 40:9; John 8:28) – Core of true manhood – word to obey, woman to love, work to do, world to better - Maturity
- Lead Courageously – Visionary – Bold and Courageous – Step Out in Faith – Bank on God to Show Up (John 10:11; 12:23-26; Joshua 1:2-9) – Lead your life, don’t just drift – go against the grain of culture, be salt and light – Give Direction, Provision, and Protection – lead where you are – 360 degree leadership
- Make disciples - Leading others to faith, discipling and training others in their faith, launching others to share their faith (Matthew 28:18-20) – see one, do one, teach one
- Every man leaves a wake (a legacy), for good or for bad. We all have a legacy. What kind of wake (legacy) are you leaving? (Prov 11:10; Exodus 20:4-6) Christ is our legacy.
- Study the Life of Jesus and the lives of the saints - Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Caleb, David, Daniel, Nehemiah, Ezra, the Prophets, the Apostles, Paul, etc.
- What does God want me to do? God wants me to do good works. (2 Cor 9:8-11; Eph 2:10; James 1:22-27; Col 1:10)



Expect God's Reward

(Hebrews 11:6; 12:1-2; Colossians 3:23-24) – Eternity - The Reason Why - Motivation – Our future hope – Power to persevere lies here – Stay the Course – Source of Significance, Identity, Meaning in Life - Stream of Healing – Lover Face - Persevere.

- Faith in God and His Son Jesus – (Hebrews 11:6) – be a man of faith (Rom 8:28)
- Live for Him, His Kingdom and His Righteousness (Matthew 6:33; Col 3:23) Invest eternally.
- Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth – have a heavenly mindset – no idols (Colossians 3:1-4)
- Live for “The Day” – our focus – intentional action towards the upward call of Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:9-10; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; Matthew 7:24-27; Philippians 3:7-14; Micah 6:8)
- Three Realms of this life – Egypt (slavery, building temples to idols), The Wilderness (lukewarm, both good or bad, selfish living), and the Promised Land (slave to righteousness, obedience to God and His word, building God's Kingdom)– choose to cross the Jordan and follow God – do not go back to Egypt, do not settle for wandering in the wilderness – follow God into the Promised Land and Expect Him to show up. (The Books of Exodus thru Joshua; Numbers 13-14)
- Source of significance, affirmation, identity, happiness, joy, meaning in life, etc. is found in God, in Christ (Genesis 1:27; Jer 1:5; Romans 6:6; John 1:12; Ephesians 1:5; Col 2:9-10, 3:4; Gal 3:27-28; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 Cor 6:17, 12:27; 1 John 3:1-2)
- God is our transcendent cause, our why, our reason for being. (2 Cor 5:1-10) It is the difference between playing sports with points vs. without points – one has meaning, the other does not. How we live our lives matters. God is keeping score. (Jer 29:11, 32:19; Eccl 12:13-14)
- Build your life on God, on Christ, on His Kingdom (Matthew 17:24-27; Mark 8:34-38) Do not build your life on the “things under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:1 thru 2:11), for they will fail you eventually and you will lose your joy and even lose your will to live
- What does God want me to have? God wants me to have joy, fullness of joy. (John 15:11, 16:24, 17:13; Acts 13:52; Rom 8:28)