

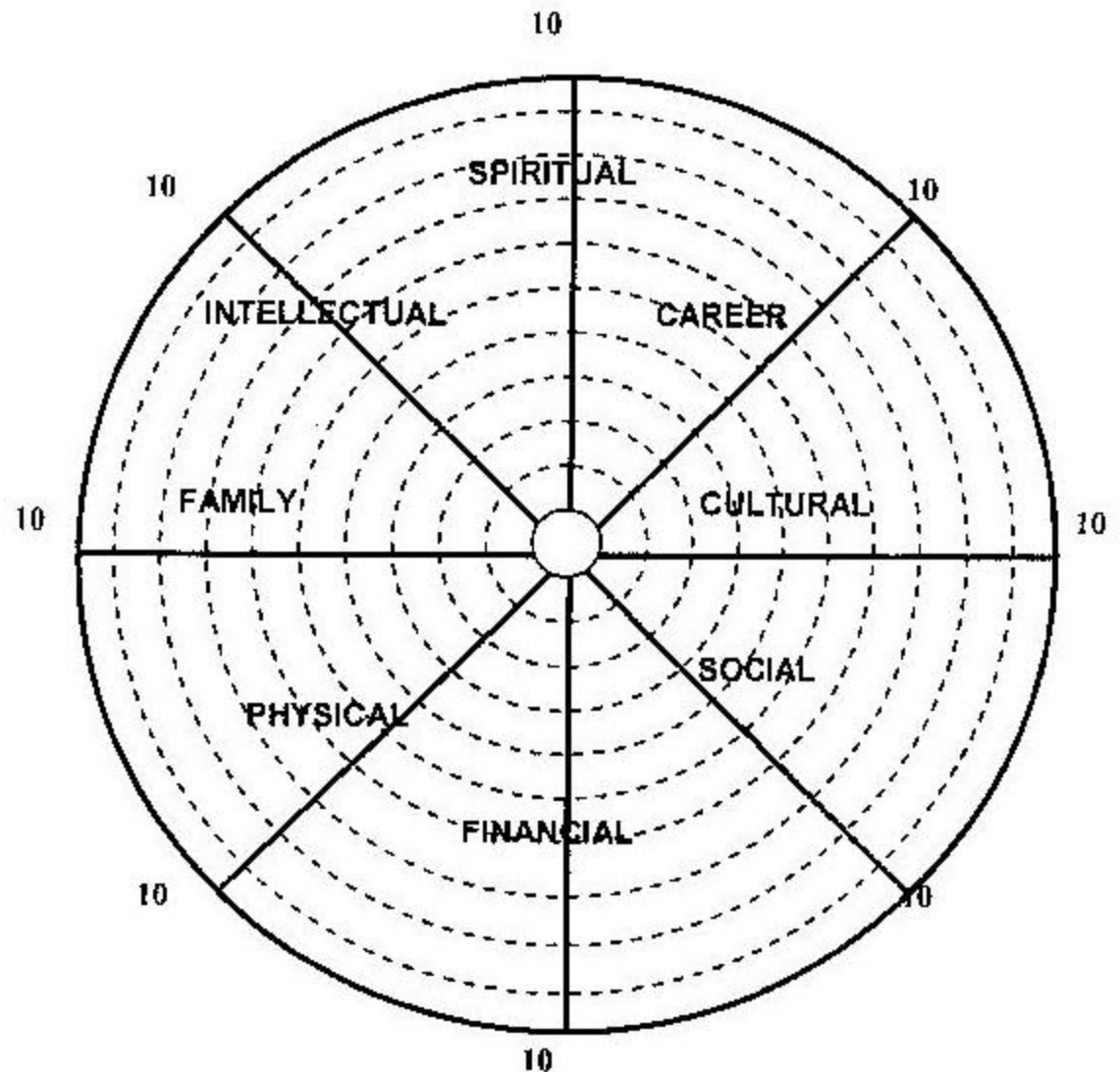
CHARACTER BEFORE CHARISMA

1. THE CHRISTIAN LEADER (I Tim 3:1-13; John 1:35-49; Mark 1:17-18; 2:14; 3:13-15)

- 1.1 A model Christian man or woman
- 1.2 An example of character
- 1.3 An example of morality
- 1.4 An example of self-management
- 1.5 An example of healthy relationships
- 1.6 Fruit tree or Christmas Tree?

2. WHAT IS CHARACTER?

- 2.1 Who you are _____!
- 2.2
- 2.3
- 2.4 Integrity



3. CHARACTER AND IDENTITY

Who you are _____ by Grace

You _____, so _____ ! (Your best 'you')

You are NOT your ministry

You are not your performance

What motivates you habitually in secret?

A _____ person

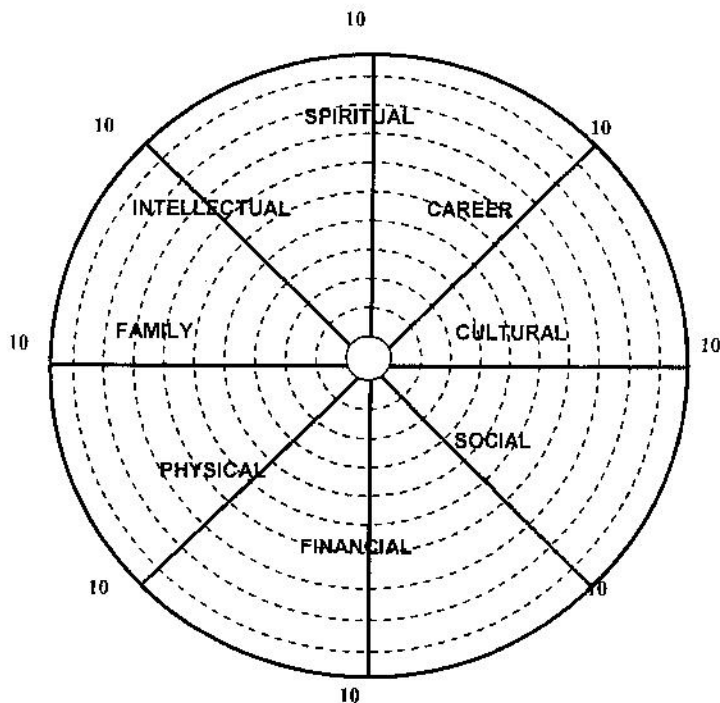
4. A CHARACTER-FUL PERSON

- 4.1 Has clear principles that override his feelings
- 4.2 Takes responsibility (I Corinthians 4:1-5)
- 4.3 Shows courtesy to others
- 4.4 Plans and manages his/her life and ministry (I Peter 4:10)
- 4.5 Watches the outside for signals of the inside (Matt 12:34-37)
- 4.6 Is accountable for life and leadership
 - 4.6.1 To God
 - 4.6.2 To him/herself
 - 4.6.3 To her/his peers and leaders
 - 4.6.4 To those he/she leads

5. INTEGRITY (FAITHFULNESS)

- 5.1 Being the same on the inside as on the outside (not a hypocrite)
 - No "secret" side or mask
 - A "united" heart
- 5.2 Being true to your stated values, principles and calling
- 5.3 Keeping your word / promises to God and others
- 5.4 Taking responsibility for your own faith and conduct
- 5.5 The difference between reasons and excuses
- 5.6 Marital "faith-keeping"
- 5.7 Stewardship of your finances
- 5.8 Effective time management (walking the talk!)
- 5.9 Judging / deciding justly

6. THE WHEEL OF LIFE



- 6.1 Building a life of quality requires balance, management and a commitment to grow, to serve, and to be accountable.
- 6.2 Set your goals for a balanced, growing character
- 6.3 Ask some questions of yourself and your friends: "In the past week...":

How much time spent with your spouse?

What have you done for your personal development?

What have you been reading?

What have you heard from God?

How's your prayer life been?

What are you asking God for?

Have you had any exercise?

Have you seen any sexually explicit material?

What has happened in (that area of character challenge)?

Have you lied to me in the last 10 minutes?

7. POWER AND AUTHORITY – A MEDITATION

7.1 Power (strength, or force) is a Gift (Luke 9:1, 24:49; Acts 1:8)

7.2 Authority (qualification, or legal status) is an earned right to use power (John 10:18, 17:2, 19:11; Acts 1:7; Matthew 28:18)

7.3 HOW WE GAIN / LOSE AUTHORITY

7.3.1 A Biblical metaphor for Authority – “KEYS” (Isaiah 22:22; Matthew 16:19; Rev 1:18; 3:7)

7.3.2 GAIN:

7.3.2.1 The New Birth (John 1:12)

7.3.2.2 Divine calling / delegation / inheritance

7.3.2.3 Being under authority (Matt 8:9)

7.3.2.4 Respond to revelation (Matt 16:15-19)

7.3.2.5 Obey commission (Matt 10:1)

7.3.2.6 Stewardship of life (Luke 16)

7.3.2.7 Repentance and renewal (Jacob -> Israel)

7.3.3 LOSE:

7.3.3.1 Consistent disobedience against the truth or instruction of God's Word / call