



The Methodist Way of Being a Christian
The Methodist Way of Discipleship

- Acts of Piety:**
- Reading Scripture
 - Attending Worship
 - Personal Prayer
 - Public Prayer
 - Family Prayer
 - Holy Communion
 - Fasting
 - Abstinence

- Fruit of the Spirit:**
- Love
 - Joy
 - Peace
 - Forbearance (Patience)
 - Kindness
 - Goodness
 - Faithfulness
 - Gentleness
 - Self-control

- Acts of Mercy:**
- May be spiritual or physical
 - Teaching
 - Feeding the hungry
 - Clothing the naked
 - Providing gainful employment to the jobless
 - Giving loans to entrepreneurs
 - Visiting the sick
 - Visiting prisoners
 - Providing shelter
 - Providing medical assistance
 - Providing other essentials to the needy

PROVOKING one Another in LOVE

To PROVOKE means that we are to hold one another accountable and ask each other the question: "Are you doing what Jesus told you to do?"

For Wesley, this meant that we had the love of Christ in our hearts. This produced the Fruit of the Spirit. This led to Acts of Mercy and then Acts of Piety and the church was where it all happened.

This INFOGRAPHIC is to help you remember the Wesleyan Way of Discipleship. Specifically, in the words that follow, are some of the kinds of “PROVOKING” questions that we need to be asking one another on a regular basis.

In Regards to Love:

- Do you have the love of Christ in your heart?
- Is there anything that keeps that love from being the most important thing in your life right now?

In Regards to Holy Tempers:

- Are the fruits of the spirit evident in your life?
- Which fruit of the spirit seems most active in your life right now?
- Which fruit of the spirit seems most dormant right now?
- Which fruit of the spirit are you actively seeking to cultivate at this present time?

In Regards to Acts of Mercy:

- In what act(s) of mercy have you engaged in the last week? Month?
- Is there some act of mercy in which you engage in on a regular basis?
- Which act of mercy is the most comfortable for you to do?
- Which act of mercy is the most difficult for you to do?
- Is there an act of mercy that you are currently trying to develop?

- Are you working with others as you perform these acts of mercy or are you acting alone?
- Do you actively get involved in projects, ministries, activities and events at the church that are designed to meet a need within our community?

In Regards to Acts of Piety:

- Are you engaged in a regular habit of reading the Bible?
- Do you regularly attend Sunday worship? If not, why?
- Are you encouraging others to attend Sunday worship?
- Are you regularly engaged in private prayer?
- Do you engage in public prayer (i.e., praying for meals at restaurants)?
- Do you and your family engage in times of family prayer?
- Do you regularly seek to receive Holy Communion?
- Have you engaged in fasting and used the time you would have spent eating as a time to grow closer to God?
- Do you practice abstinence?
- Do you participate in learning opportunities offered by the church?

In Regards to Provoking One Another in Love:

- Do you have an accountability partner?
- Do you meet/converse regularly with your accountability partner?

- Are you a member of a small group that holds its members accountable to one another and to these practices?
- Do you regularly talk with other church members about your faith and ask them how things are going in their lives?
- Does anyone ever ask you: “Are you doing what Jesus told you to do?” Do you ever ask that question of another person?
- Are you noticing the fruit of the spirit in other people and then telling them how you see that fruit active in his or her life?
- Are you pushing others to engage in acts of mercy within our community?
- Are you on the lookout for opportunities to help other people?
- Do you ask other church members about their personal devotional life?
- Do you share with other people things that God is teaching you in your own devotional time?
- Do you offer words of encouragement to other Christians?