

Self-Assessment: Enduring Traits of the First-Century Church

For leaders and believers to honestly assess their alignment with the first-century church lifestyle

Rate Yourself on a Scale of 1–5: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 = Rarely / Not at all• 2 = Occasionally• 3 = Sometimes• 4 = Often• 5 = Consistently / Always	Scoring Tip: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1–2: Area needing attention• 3: Growing but inconsistent• 4–5: Strong alignment with the trait
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1. Radical Loyalty to Jesus Alone

- I put Jesus' will above cultural, societal, or institutional expectations.
- My daily decisions reflect allegiance to Jesus rather than personal comfort or opinion.
- I am willing to face opposition or discomfort for the sake of following Him.

2. Compelled by Love, Not Religion

- My devotion to Christ flows from love, not obligation or tradition.
- I demonstrate sacrificial care, service, and forgiveness to others regularly.
- Love motivates my actions more than rules or religious performance.

3. A Diverse and United Family

- I embrace believers from different backgrounds as family in Christ.
- I actively work toward unity across cultural, social, or gender differences.
- I participate in reconciliation and mutual support within my faith community.

4. Worship—A Life Fully Oriented to God

- Worship shapes my daily decisions, not just Sunday services or music.
- I praise and honor God consistently, even in suffering or difficulty.
- My life demonstrates joy, devotion, and surrender to God above personal preference.

5. Fervent and Kingdom-Focused Prayer

- My prayers focus on God's mission, glory, and transformation, not just comfort.
- I regularly pray for boldness, Christlike character, and spiritual maturity.
- Prayer is a guide for my actions, not merely a ritual or obligation.

6. Compassionate Care—Love in Action

- I see and respond to the needs of others, even at personal cost.
- My generosity is consistent, not sporadic or dependent on abundance.
- I engage in practical service that brings tangible help to those in need.

7. The Word of God as The Foundation and Curriculum

- Scripture is my ultimate guide for beliefs, decisions, and actions.
- I devote time to learning, reflecting, and obeying God's Word consistently.
- The Word shapes my identity, mission, and discipleship practices.

8. Deep Reliance on the Holy Spirit

- I acknowledge my dependence on the Spirit in all areas of life.
- I actively seek the Spirit's guidance in decisions, relationships, and ministry.
- I cultivate environments that welcome Spirit-led action and discernment.

9. Jesus as Model for Life and Ministry

- I imitate Christ in thought, word, and deed, not just outward actions.
- I intentionally spend time with Jesus to shape my character from the inside out.
- My leadership, service, and relationships reflect humility, obedience, and compassion.

10. The Gospel of the Kingdom

- My understanding of the gospel emphasizes lifelong transformation, not just a one-time decision.
- I live in total allegiance to Jesus and His Kingdom.
- I actively follow Jesus' call to deny self, take up my cross, and obey Him daily.

11. Decentralized, Shared and Christlike Leadership

- I lead or serve with humility, seeking to empower others rather than control.
- I practice accountability, prayerful decision-making, and communal discernment.
- My leadership models service and points others toward Scripture as the ultimate guide.

12. Reproducing Discipleship at the Core

- I actively invest in the spiritual growth of others.
- I mentor, disciple, or coach others in ways that lead to reproducing disciples (disciples that make disciples).
- Making disciples is a lifestyle, not a program or occasional activity.

13. Wholehearted Support for God's Mission

- I see myself as personally responsible for advancing the gospel.
- I bring the message of Jesus into everyday life and community consistently.
- My time, effort, and resources support God's mission without reservation.

14. Strengthened Through Suffering and Perseverance

- I view trials and hardship as opportunities for growth and witness.
- I persevere in faith and mission even under pressure, opposition, or loss.
- My endurance in adversity inspires others and reflects the reality of God's Kingdom.