

## **“Inner Circle”**

**“The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.” (Psalm 25:14)**

### **Devoted Disciples...**

**Matthew 19:27-30 – <sup>27</sup>“Then Peter said in reply, ‘See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?’ <sup>28</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup>And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first.’”**

**Luke 22:28-30 – <sup>28</sup>“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, <sup>29</sup>and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, <sup>30</sup>that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”**

### **...Despite Deficiencies**

**Matthew 26:30-32 – <sup>30</sup>“And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, ‘You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ <sup>32</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.’”**

**Luke 22:31-32 – <sup>31</sup>“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, <sup>32</sup>but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”**

## **Would you like to be in God's inner circle?**

### **Healthy Heart**

**Proverbs 22:11** – “He who loves purity of heart, and whose speech is gracious, will have the king as his friend.”

### **Overall Obedience**

**John 15:13–15** – <sup>13</sup>“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.”

### **Humble Heart/Superb Service**

**Numbers 12:1-8** – <sup>1</sup>“Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman. <sup>2</sup>And they said, ‘Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?’ And the LORD heard it. <sup>3</sup>Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth. <sup>4</sup>And suddenly the LORD said to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam, ‘Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting.’ And the three of them came out. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the tent and called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward. <sup>6</sup>And he said, ‘Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. <sup>7</sup>Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. <sup>8</sup>With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?’”

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