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# Organic Disciples

GROWING SPIRITUALLY AND SHARING JESUS







**SERMON NOTES**  
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**“ORGANIC DISCIPLESHIP”  
MEANS WE ARE EXPLORING 7  
WAYS TO GROW SPIRITUALLY  
AND NATURALLY SHARE JESUS**



# Spiritual Growth

# ASSESSMENT



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**PATHWAY**  
CHURCH



**BIBLICAL  
ENGAGEMENT**



**PASSIONATE  
PRAYER**



**WHOLEHEARTED  
WORSHIP**



**HUMBLE  
SERVICE**



**JOYFUL  
GENEROSITY**



**CONSISTENT  
COMMUNITY**



**ORGANIC  
OUTREACH**



# BIBLE ENGAGEMENT



BIBLE ENGAGEMENT GROWS  
US FASTER AND TAKES US  
FURTHER WITH GOD THAN  
ANYTHING ELSE.



“ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED  
AND IS USEFUL FOR TEACHING,  
REBUKING, CORRECTING AND  
TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, <sup>17</sup> SO  
THAT THE SERVANT OF GOD <sup>P</sup> MAY BE  
THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY  
GOOD WORK”

[2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 ESV]



THE BIBLE IS A GIFT AND  
OUR GREATEST TOOL  
FOR GROWTH.

[2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 ESV]

**“DEFEND THE BIBLE? I’D  
SOONER DEFEND A LION.  
YOU DON’T DEFEND THE  
BIBLE; YOU OPEN ITS  
CAGE AND LET IT ROAR”**

**- CHARLES SPURGEON**





Revelation

Malakos, 1 Peter, 1, 2, 3, John, Jude

Timothy, Titus, Philimon

Thessalonians

Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians

2 Corinthians

1 Corinthians

Romans

Acts

John

Luke

Mark

Matthew

Malachi

Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah

Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk

Hosea, Joel, Amos

Daniel

Ezekiel

Lamentations

Jeremiah

Isaiah

Song of Sol

Eccl

Proverbs

Psalms

Psalms

Job

Esther

Nehemiah

Ezra

2 Chronicles

1 Chronicles

2 Kings

1 Kings

2 Samuel

1 Samuel

Ruth

Judges

Joshua

Deuteronomy

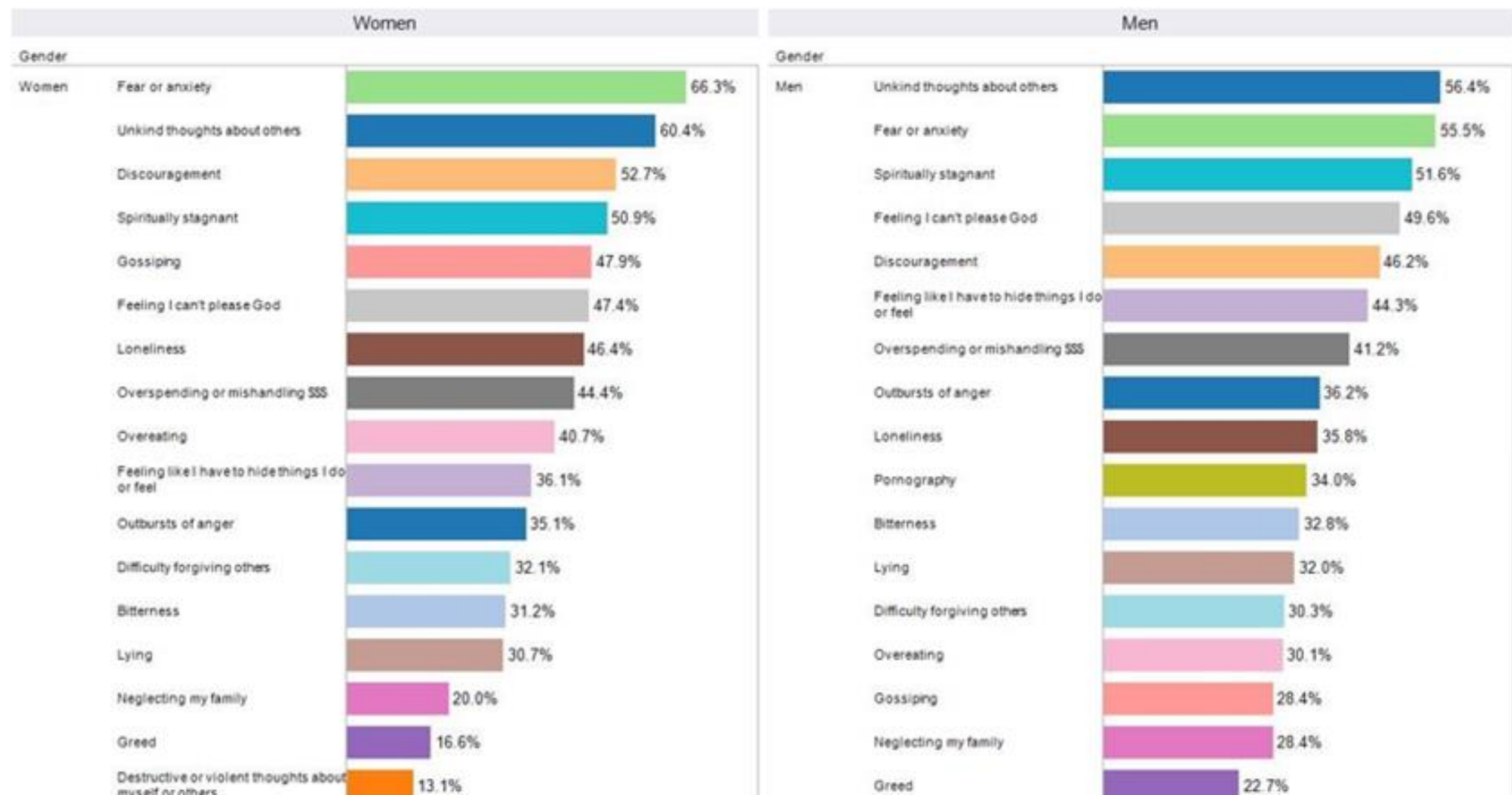
Numbers

Leviticus

Exodus

Genesis

**Figure 1. Monthly Struggles among Christians Who Attend Church Monthly.**





# “THE POWER OF 4” DAYS A WEEK IN THE BIBLE OVER TEMPTATION:

62%

DRINKING TO EXCESS

28%

GOSSIPING

59%

VIEWING PORNOGRAPHY

28%

LYING

59%

HAVING SEX OUTSIDE  
MARRIAGE

26%

NEGLECTING FAMILY

45%

GAMBLING

20%

OVEREATING OR  
MISHANDLING FOOD

31%

LASHING OUT IN ANGER

20%

OVERSPENDING OR  
MISHANDLING MONEY

# “THE POWER OF 4” DAYS A WEEK IN THE BIBLE OVER EMOTIONS:

40%

FEELING BITTER

30%

EXPERIENCING  
LONELINESS

32%

THINKING DESTRUCTIVELY  
ABOUT SELF OR OTHERS

20%

OVEREATING OR  
MISHANDLING FOOD

32%

FEELING LIKE THEY HAVE TO  
HIDE WHAT THEY DO OR FEEL

26%

HAVING DIFFICULTY  
FORGIVING ONESELF

31%

HAVING DIFFICULTY  
FORGIVING OTHERS

18%

THINKING UNKIDLY  
ABOUT OTHERS

31%

FEELING DISCOURAGED

14%

EXPERIENCING FEAR OR  
ANXIETY



**JESUS LOVES THE WORD  
OF GOD AND THE  
WORLD.**

[MATTHEW 4:1-4; MATTHEW 22:36-38;  
MATTHEW 27:46 ESV]

“THEN JESUS WAS LED UP BY THE SPIRIT INTO THE WILDERNESS TO BE TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL. 2 AND AFTER FASTING FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS, HE WAS HUNGRY. 3 AND THE TEMPTER CAME AND SAID TO HIM, “IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD, COMMAND THESE STONES TO BECOME LOAVES OF BREAD.” 4 BUT HE ANSWERED, “IT IS WRITTEN, “‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.”

[MATTHEW 4:1-4 ESV]



<sup>3</sup> AND HE HUMBLLED YOU AND LET YOU HUNGER AND FED YOU WITH MANNA, WHICH YOU DID NOT KNOW, NOR DID YOUR FATHERS KNOW, THAT HE MIGHT MAKE YOU KNOW THAT MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT MAN LIVES BY EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF THE LORD.

[DEUTERONOMY 8:3 ESV]

<sup>36</sup> “TEACHER, WHICH IS THE GREAT  
COMMANDMENT IN THE LAW?” <sup>37</sup> AND  
HE SAID TO HIM, “YOU SHALL LOVE  
THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR  
HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND  
WITH ALL YOUR MIND. <sup>38</sup> THIS IS THE  
GREAT AND FIRST COMMANDMENT.

[MATTHEW 22:36-38 ESV]

“HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR  
GOD, THE LORD IS ONE. 5 YOU  
SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR  
GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND  
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH  
ALL YOUR MIGHT.”

[DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5 ESV]



“<sup>46</sup> AND ABOUT THE NINTH HOUR  
JESUS CRIED OUT WITH A LOUD  
VOICE, SAYING, “ELI, ELI, LEMA  
SABACHTHANI?” THAT IS, “MY  
GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU  
FORSAKEN ME?”

[MATTHEW 27:46 ESV]

“MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME? WHY ARE YOU SO FAR FROM SAVING ME, FROM THE WORDS OF MY GROANING? 2 O MY GOD, I CRY BY DAY, BUT YOU DO NOT ANSWER, AND BY NIGHT, BUT I FIND NO REST. 3 YET YOU ARE HOLY, ENTHRONED ON THE PRAISES OF ISRAEL.”

[PSALM 22:1-3 ESV]

# FOUR STEPS TO BIBLE ENGAGEMENT:

## 1. LOVE THE BIBLE

[PSALM 119:97 ESV]



“OH HOW I LOVE YOUR  
LAW! IT IS MY MEDITATION  
ALL THE DAY.”

[PSALM 119:97 ESV]

# FOUR STEPS TO BIBLE ENGAGEMENT:

## 2. KNOW THE BIBLE

[PSALM 1:1-3 ESV]



“BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO WALKS NOT IN THE COUNSEL OF THE WICKED, NOR STANDS IN THE WAY OF SINNERS, NOR SITS IN THE SEAT OF SCOFFERS; 2 BUT HIS DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD, AND ON HIS LAW HE MEDITATES DAY AND NIGHT. 3 HE IS LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY STREAMS OF WATER THAT YIELDS ITS FRUIT IN ITS SEASON, AND ITS LEAF DOES NOT WITHER. IN ALL THAT HE DOES, HE PROSPERS.”

[PSALM 119:97 ESV]

“WHAT MOVE DO YOU WANT  
TO MAKE IN 2025:  
FROM STARVING, TO  
SNACKING, TO SELF-  
FEEDING, TO FEASTING?”



# FOUR STEPS TO BIBLE ENGAGEMENT:

## 3. FOLLOW THE BIBLE

[JAMES 1:22-25 ESV]

“BUT BE DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT HEARERS ONLY, DECEIVING YOURSELVES. <sup>23</sup> FOR IF ANYONE IS A HEARER OF THE WORD AND NOT A DOER, HE IS LIKE A MAN WHO LOOKS INTENTLY AT HIS NATURAL FACE IN A MIRROR. <sup>24</sup> FOR HE LOOKS AT HIMSELF AND GOES AWAY AND AT ONCE FORGETS WHAT HE WAS LIKE. <sup>25</sup> BUT THE ONE WHO LOOKS INTO THE PERFECT LAW, THE LAW OF LIBERTY, AND PERSEVERES, BEING NO HEARER WHO FORGETS BUT A DOER WHO ACTS, HE WILL BE BLESSED IN HIS DOING”

[JAMES 1:22-25 ESV]



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# FOUR STEPS TO BIBLE ENGAGEMENT:

## 4. SHARE THE BIBLE

[2 TIMOTHY 2:2 NIV; MATTHEW 5:14-16 ESV]

“YOU THEN, MY SON, BE STRONG IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS. <sup>2</sup> AND THE THINGS YOU HAVE HEARD ME SAY IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY WITNESSES ENTRUST TO RELIABLE PEOPLE WHO WILL ALSO BE QUALIFIED TO TEACH OTHERS.”

[2 TIMOTHY 2:2 NIV]

“THE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE  
INVITES US INTO GOD’S  
SEARCH FOR THE LOST. THE  
GOD OF THE BIBLE IS NEVER  
PASSIVE. HE IS ALWAYS ON  
THE MOVE.”

- KEVIN HARNEY



“YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A CITY SET ON A HILL CANNOT BE HIDDEN. 15 NOR DO PEOPLE LIGHT A LAMP AND PUT IT UNDER A BASKET, BUT ON A STAND, AND IT GIVES LIGHT TO ALL IN THE HOUSE. 16 IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, SO THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN.”

[MATTHEW 5:14-16]

# NEXT STEP QUESTIONS:

DO YOU KNOW JESUS AND ARE  
YOU GROWING WITH HIM?

# NEXT STEP QUESTIONS:

**WILL YOU COMMIT TO THE FOUR  
STEPS OF BIBLE ENGAGEMENT?**



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1,141 PEOPLE ATTENDED  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



102 ANGEL TREE KIDS  
SPONSORED



A TOTAL OF \$149,823 TOWARDS "LIGHT SHINE BRIGHT"—ABOVE OUR  
\$40,000 GOAL!