

THE THREE-FOLD OFFICE OF CHRIST AS A PERSPECTIVE ON CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

	PRIEST <i>(Mission)</i>	PROPHET <i>(Message)</i>	KING <i>(Man)</i>
Focus	People	Doctrine	Practical Living
Helpful Diagnostic Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Do I Have A Deep Sense Of Responsibility For The People In My Life? (see 2Cor 5:10) ➤ Does The Plight And Condition of Humanity Around Me Concern Me Or Motivate Me? ➤ Do I Think Often About The Eternal State Of Co-Workers / Friends / Family? ➤ Do I Long To See People That I Don't Know Changed And Impacted By My Life? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Do I Have A Firm Grasp On The Fundamentals of the Bible? ➤ Can I Articulate The Basic Doctrines Of Christianity And Readily Defend And Lead People To The Scriptural Basis For Them? ➤ Do I Understand The Basic Story-Line Of God's Redemption Of Mankind From Their Sin? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Is My Life Managed In An Orderly Way Free From Self-Inflicted Chaos? ➤ Do I Demonstrate Self-Control In My Decision Making? ➤ Am I Demonstrating Biblical Wisdom In The Ordering Of My Affairs? ➤ Does My Family Operate Smoothly? Do I Manage Household Affairs Well? ➤ Is My Life Marked By Peace?
When This Area If Over-Emphasized – The Result Is:	A deep engagement in social endeavors (orphans / homeless / environmental) with very little concern for the repentance of sin and the submission to the authority of Jesus. A lot of “public” good is done as the person feels fulfillment and satisfaction from helping the marginalized and overlooked but often personal discipleship is sloppy or non-existent and care for precise understanding of the Scriptures is lacking.	Biblical knowledge is extremely high and fosters pride, arrogance, and legalism in the disciple. Often, this person is un-engaged with the poor or marginalized as they believe that their poverty is a result of inattention to the knowledge of Scripture. Also, frequently this person is exposed for deep flaws in character or big moral failures because Biblical knowledge is substituted for actual obedience to that knowledge.	The disciple lives or dies on goals or “results”. With very little concern for biblical knowledge or other people, this person focuses on what works. Issues don't hinge on proper priorities, or alignment to biblical wisdom, but rather on adhering to certain “ways” of doing things. Often scriptures are misused to justify “means” to unbiblical “ends”. This person has a high tendency to be controlling.
Key Traits That Are Developed	Service / Selflessness / Compassion / Mercy / Grace / Kindness / Hospitality / Generosity	Knowledge / Wisdom / Sober-Mindedness / Ability To Teach	Obedience / Self-Control / Discipline / Patience / Peace / Faithfulness