🔷 Zion Baptist Church
Diaconate Leadership Training Program

📕 **Week 5: Biblical Self-Disclosure, Authority of Scripture, and Biblical Knowledge**

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📘 Devotional Reflection #3

“Unity and Diversity in One Body”
(I Corinthians 12:12–19 and 27–31)

📖 Scripture

I Corinthians 12:12–13 (NKJV)

12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink [a]into one Spirit.

I Corinthians 12:14–16 (NKJV)

14 For in fact the body is not one member but many. 15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body?

I Corinthians 12:17–19 (NKJV)

17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? 18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. 19 And if they were all one member, where would the body be?

I Corinthians 12:27–31 (NKJV)

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the [a]best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

✍ Reflection Questions

What does it mean to you personally to be a member of the body of Christ?

Have you ever compared your role or gifts to others in a way that discouraged you? Explain.

How can you better appreciate and support the diversity of gifts within your church?

In what ways is God calling you to function more faithfully in your role within the body?

If you want, I can next:

📘 **Module II (O)**

Operating in Decency and Order through Christian Leadership, Discipleship, and Fellowship
(Ephesians 4:1–6)

📖 **Scripture**

Ephesians 4:1–6 (NKJV)

4 I, therefore, the prisoner [a]of the Lord, [b]beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in [c]you all.

📘 **From the Articles of Faith**
New Hampshire Confession

📘 **Article I – The Scriptures**

“We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions shall be tried.”

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📘 **Authority of Scripture**

✚ “Sola Scriptura” (Latin) - by scripture alone. Scripture itself is the sole sufficient rule of conduct and belief for the Christian.

✚ Authority of Scripture - the power to exact obedience, determine or judge to which the church and its members must submit.

✚ “Prima Scriptura” (Latin) - the canonized scripture is first or above all other sources of divine revelation.

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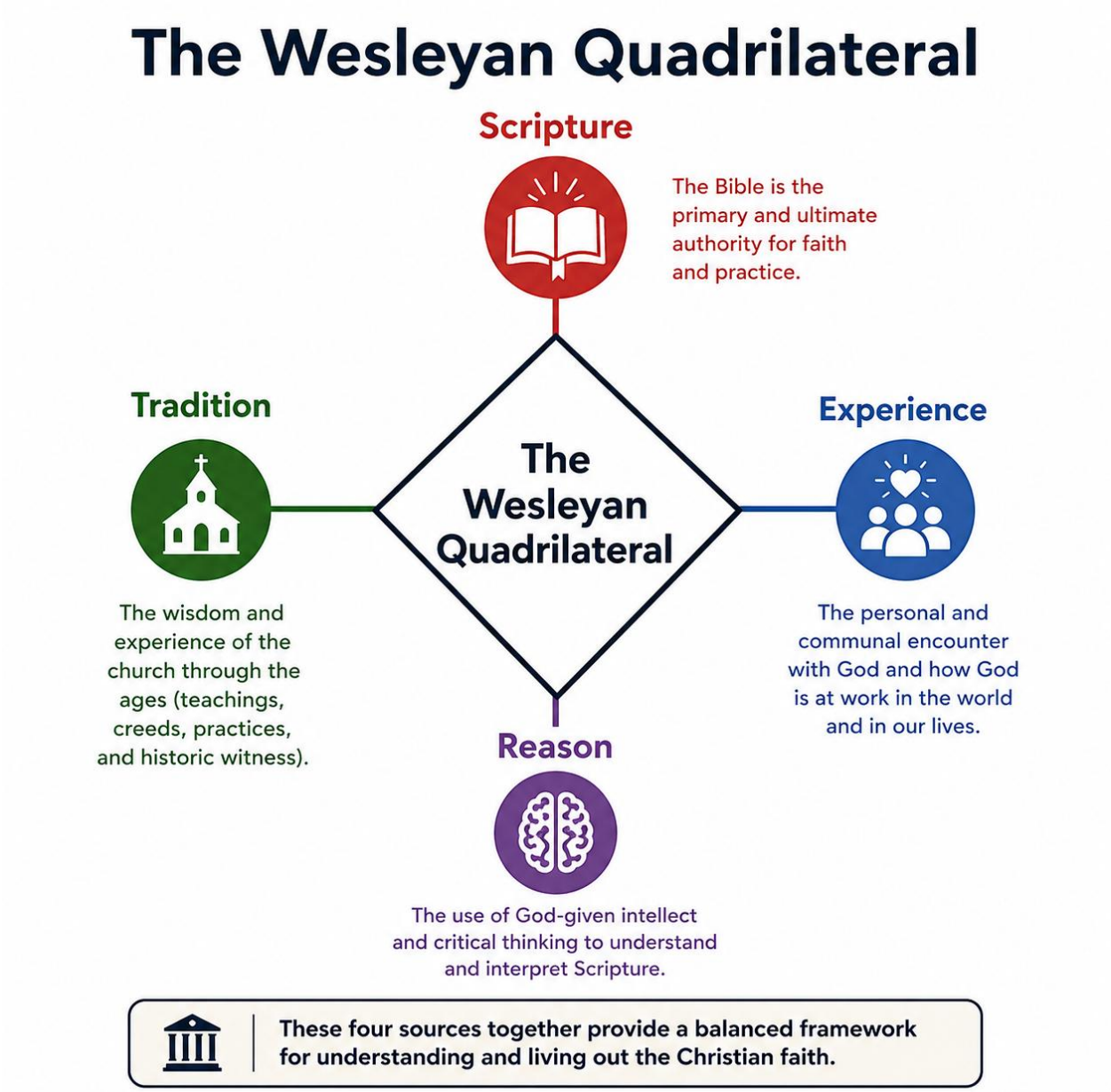
📘 **Wesleyan Quadrilateral**



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📘 **The Protestant Canon vs Catholic Canon**

✚ Canon: measure or standard us to determine inclusion/exclusion.

✚ Protestant Canon:

✚ 66 Books (Total)

✚ 39 Books (Old Testament)

✚ 27 Books (New Testament)

✚ Divisions of the Old Testament:

✚ Books of Law (5)

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📘 **Protestant vs Catholic Canon (cont.)**

✚ Books of History (12)

✚ Books of Poetry (5)

✚ Major Prophets (5)

✚ Minor Prophets (12)

✚ Divisions of the New Testament:

✚ Gospels (4)

✚ History (1)

✚ Epistles (21)

✚ Apocalyptic (1)

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📘 **Biblical Interpretation**

✚ Exegesis (Greek - out of) the process of discovering the original or intended meaning of a passage of scripture.

✚ Hermeneutic (Greek) - interpretation of the scriptures based upon exegesis.

📘 **Biblical Self-Disclosure**

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

📘 **Biblical Self –Disclosure (Cont.)**

Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

2 Timothy 2:15

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

📘 **Biblical Self –Disclosure (Cont.)**

Matthew 24:35

35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Psalm 119:105

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.

Psalm 119:111

111 Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever,
For they are the rejoicing of my heart.

📘 **Biblical Self –Disclosure (Cont.)**

Isaiah 40:8

8 The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever."

📘 **Assignment:**

📘 **Emotional Health Check by Peter Scazzero (cont)**

True or False:

c) "Repression of feelings and emotions is a form of Spiritual Virtue." (T/F)

d) "Denying anger, ignoring pain, skipping over depression, running from loneliness, avoiding confusing doubts and turning off our sexuality is a way of working on our spiritual lives." (T/F)

📘 **Test of Biblical Knowledge (The Bible)**

1. What is the Bible?
2. How many books are there in the Bible?
3. What is a theology of history?
4. What are the two major divisions of the Bible called?
5. What does Testament mean?
6. What is the basis of each Testament?
7. What is the central theme of the Bible?

📘 **Test of Biblical Knowledge (O.T.)**

8. How many books are there in the Old Testament?
9. Name the major divisions of the Old Testament?
10. Give three other names for the Books of Law.
11. How many Books of Law are there? What are they?
12. How many Books of Prophecy? What are they?
13. How many books of Poetry? What are they?

📘 **Test of Biblical Knowledge (O.T.)**

14. How many Books of History are there? What are they?
15. Which Old Testament book has the greatest number of chapters/divisions/how many?

📘 **Test of Biblical Knowledge (N.T.)**

16. How many books are there in the New Testament?
17. What are the major divisions of the New Testament?
18. How many Books of History? What are they?
19. How many Gospels? What are they?
20. How many Books of Prophecy? What are they?
21. What is an epistle?

📘 **Test of Biblical Knowledge (N.T.)**

22. How many Epistles? What are they?
23. Who wrote most of the Epistles?
24. Which book is the shortest book in the Bible?

📘 **Assignment:**

† Each leader is to begin the Test of Biblical Knowledge completing as much as possible and be prepared to share with their tribe areas challenge.

† Each tribe is to discuss the Test of Biblical Knowledge and be prepared to report on the importance of understanding both the substance and the mechanics of the Bible for Christian Leaders.

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