

APPENDIX 2

Core Values: elaborations

The following is an expansion of each core value; brackets are purposely open to indicate that the meanings can be added to and further refined as appropriate. The suggested Bible verses are just some that further define the values, and you may well want to add or substitute other texts. Correlations between core values and Bible verses have been made using the NIV translation of the Bible. Other translations may vary slightly in their wording and perspective

Love (adore, worship, care for, devotion to, fidelity, kindness, peace, trust, resilience, happiness, have esteem for, honour ...)

For Christians, the expression of love is always a response to God's love. It is a way of being that leads to inner peace. Love flows from the heart and manifests itself in caring, kind and respectful thoughts, words and actions.

Psalms 136, John 15:12-13, John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 13, Ephesians 5:1-2, 1 John 3:18, Philippians 2:12-13, Romans 12:9-11 ...

Justice (integrity, honesty, truthfulness, honour, veracity, uprightness, fairness ...)

Through genuine concern, and the developing of a conscience for the rights and wellbeing of everyone in the human family, justice focuses as much on understanding and responding to the reasons for suffering and injustices as it does on responding to unjust conditions. It requires integrity between beliefs, words, and actions. It may necessitate taking a stand and acting with courage.

Isaiah 26:7-8, Romans 12, Matthew 5:7, Ephesians 2:1-5, Jeremiah 23:5-6, Job 8:3-7...

Compassion (mercy, sympathy, empathy, concern, kindness, consideration, gentleness, care ...)

Having compassion is being loving and attending to people's innermost needs. It is exercising the ability to reach out, to walk in another's shoes, to be open and responsive to the needs and concerns of others and being active in caring for others.

Philippians 2:1, Hosea 11:4, Matthew 5:44, John 15:17, Romans 12:9-13, Colossians 3:12-15 ...

Forgiveness (benevolence, grace, mercy, amnesty, excuse, pardon, understanding, kindness, absolve, acquit, reprieve ...)

Forgiveness is breaking the cycle of un-grace, pardoning the wrongs others have done to us and seeking pardon for the wrongs we have done to others. Forgiveness often comes with pain and can involve stepping over our hurt. Forgiveness releases both ourselves and others, enabling new starts and new beginnings, another chance.

Matthew 18:21-22, Luke 17:3-4, Romans 4, Colossians 3:13, Matthew 5:7, Ephesians 4:32 ...

Service (help, assistance, benefit, good turn, aid, support, good deed, charitable act, faithfulness ...)

There is a saying you can serve without loving, but you cannot love without serving. Service involves selfless giving, loving others and making a difference in their lives by identifying and responding to their needs, individually and collectively, and carrying out that service without expecting recognition or reward.

Luke 12:35-37, Matthew 20:28, John 12:26, John 13:12-17 ...

Humility (humbleness, modesty, unassuming nature, meekness, gentleness ...)

Acting with humility involves recognising and valuing one's own gifts/abilities and the gifts/abilities of others as being equally valid but of no lesser or greater importance. It is using those gifts/abilities in service to others with an attitude of selflessness. It is being thankful rather than boastful and willing to respect and learn from the experience of others.

Proverbs 22:4, Matthew 5:5, Matthew 20:20-28, Mark 9:35, Philippians 2:3-4 ...

Courage (valour, bravery, nerve, pluck, daring, fearlessness, fortitude, boldness, perseverance, intrepid ...)

Courage is the strength of heart that enables people to stand up for their convictions to do the right thing, even when it is hard or fearful. It involves being firm of spirit despite the ups and downs of life and it means 'having a go' even when success is uncertain.

Psalms 112:8, Luke 21:19, Acts 20:24, Philippians 1:27-30, 2 Timothy 1:7 ...

Hope (expectation, trust in, faith in, anticipation, look forward to, expect, desire, aspire, optimism ...)

Hope enables us to look forward with expectation and confidence, placing our trust and faith in God's provision of the things we need to handle all kinds of situations and events that occur. Hope is open-ended, open to all possibilities and not limited by what we might wish for. Hope allows God to define our lives.

Psalms 31:14-15, John 6:20, Romans 8:38-39, Ephesians 3:11-12, Philippians 4:6-7 ...

Quality (value, worth, excellence, merit, effort, usefulness, of important ...)

People bring their gifts, abilities, skills and talents to fruition seeking excellence, striving always to do their best, giving careful attention to every task, every relationship, every interaction. They ensure that their input and efforts result in quality outcomes that, in turn, lead to the successful use of their gifts, abilities, skills and talents for the benefit of others.

Psalms 148:1-14, Matthew 5:14-16, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 2 Peter 1:5-7,...

Appreciation (admiration, approval, enjoyment of, gratitude, thankfulness, value, recognition, respect, wonder and awe, comprehension ...)

Appreciation is recognising and valuing highly the gifts and blessings given to us and surrounding us. It is an attitude of gratitude for learning, loving and being. It is a positive attitude that responds in wonder and awe to, and with respect for, the created world – its fragility and its potential.

Psalms 148, Habakkuk 2:20, Philippians 4:4-9, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, 1 Peter 2:17,...