The Basic Disciplines of the Christian Life

- Daily focus on the *Word of God*
- Daily *communion with God through prayer*
- Regular *fellowship* with godly Christians

These *basic disciplines* are *vital* and *necessary* for effective, productive Christian living that fulfills our chief end of glorifying God and enjoying Him forever. They are *basic* because they are God’s ordained fundamentals for nurturing our relationship with Him and His people in the Church. They are *disciplines* because they require deliberate, active pursuit with the intent of forming enduring habits. They are *vital* because they release the life-giving sap of the True Vine, Jesus Christ which flows to produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit. They are *necessary* because they are the essential nutrients for new creations in Christ. The new life we’ve been given grows strong on the spiritually rich milk of God’s Word, is enriched through communion with the Father, through the Son, by the Holy Spirit in prayer, and produces effective, God-honoring service in His family the church.