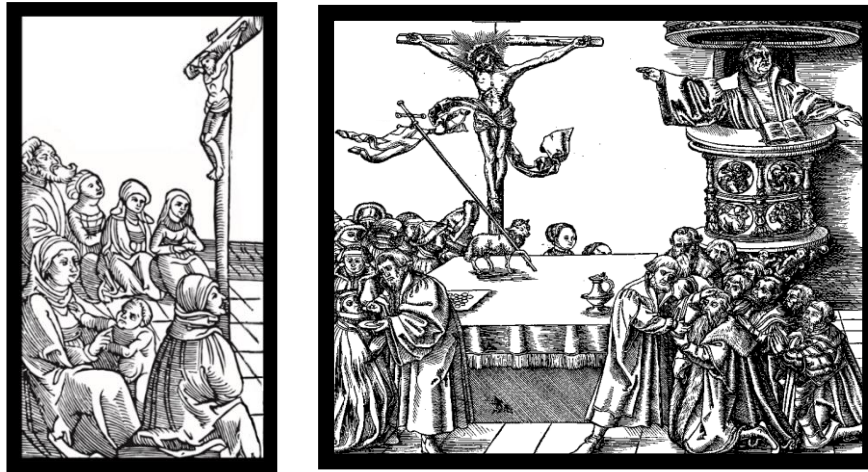


Questionnaire on Living as a Christian



34 Completed Questionnaires

Roles and Expectations

Household

1. What is the role of a family in life?
2. What are your expectations of a family?
3. What is the role of a spouse in life?
4. What are your expectations of a spouse?
5. What is the role of a parent in life?
6. What are your expectations of a parent?
7. What is the role of a child in life?
8. What are your expectations of a child?

Church

9. What is the role of the pastor in life?
10. What are your expectations of the pastor?
11. What is the role of a member of the congregation in life?
12. What are your expectations of a member of the congregation?
13. What is the role of a Christian toward others in life?
14. What are your expectations of a Christian toward others in life?

One person stated,

“Isn't my perceived role also going to be my expectation? Kind of confusing for me.”

Another person stated,

“Role- the part that society or culture assigns to a person, place, or thing; an idealistic and broad goal”

“Expectation – a personal perception, interpretations, and performance of that role; an objective or learning outcome that achieves the goal”

Questions 1 and 2 (Family)

4 out of 34 people said that the expectation is the same as the role.

Questions 3 and 4 (Spouse)

6 out of 34 people said that the expectation is the same as the role.

Questions 5 and 6 (Parents)

9 out of 34 people said that the expectation is the same as the role.

Questions 7 and 8 (Children)

8 out of 34 people said that the expectation is the same as the role.

Questions 9 and 10 (Pastor)

11 out of 34 people said that the expectation is the same as the role.

Questions 11 and 12 (Congregational Member)

11 out of 34 people said that the expectation is the same as the role.

Questions 13 and 14 (Christian)

10 out of 34 people said that the expectation is the same as the role.

What is the difference between roles and expectations?

The front page of the Questionnaire stated:

The idea of a **role** is formed from a common knowledge and/or a shared view.

The idea of an **expectation** is formed by your personal view of what you expect.

A simple distinction is to say that the **role** is a duty and the **expectation** is that a person properly fulfills the duty with any extra qualifications.

Examples:

Pastor: The **role** of a pastor is to preach and to teach.

The **expectation** is that the pastor is a good preacher and teacher who does not contradict the Word of God

Referee: The **role** of a referee is to follow the rules of the game.

The **expectation** is that he applies the rules fairly to both teams.

Parents: Society says that the **role** of a parents is to care for the physical well-being of children and to make sure that they have a formal education.

In addition, I **expect** parents to take care of the spiritual well-being of children and to make sure that they have an education of the Bible.

One person stated:

“Many of these questions ask for “expectations” of people and things. Expectations denote that you have a preconceived set of characters or behaviors for people or situations that are new to you. Rather, judgment should be made after adequate exposure to the people or situations. This judgement should be moderated by a Christian ethic and a belief that no person or situation is perfect. Tolerance and acceptance are virtues to be pursued. I hope that the above is a direct or sometimes an indirect answer to questions #2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14. God judges by the spark of faith. Man judges by the fulfillment or lack of expectations.”

Another person stated for every expectation:

“I expect them to fail.”

How does forgiveness help us in our life together when others do not meet expectations or fulfill their roles?

Support

Question #	Support
1	15
2	13
3	15
4	16
5	4
6	7
7	0
8	2
9	1
10	3
11	12
12	7
13	0
14	0
Total	95

Prayer

Question #	Prayer	Pray	Pray for others
1	1	0	1
2	3	0	3
3	0	0	0
4	1	0	1
5	3	2	1
6	5	2	3
7	1	1	0
8	3	1	2
9	2	1	1
10	3	1	2
11	4	0	4
12	4	0	4
13	2	2	0
14	4	1	3
Total	36	11	25

Moral Behavior

Question #	Behavior	Be an Example	Morality
1	3	1	2
2	9	3	6
3	5	2	3
4	6	1	5
5	12	6	6
6	15	6	9
7	7	1	6
8	10	1	9
9	3	3	0
10	5	1	4
11	4	1	3
12	4	1	3
13	13	7	6
14	10	5	5
Total	106	39	67

Love

Question #	Love	The Love of God	To Love God	To Love Others	Love of Parents
1	12	2	2	10	0
2	14	1	0	13	0
3	14	0	0	14	0
4	21	2	0	20	0
5	13	3	1	12	0
6	16	2	0	16	0
7	9	2	8	2	0
8	9	0	0	8	1
9	4	1	1	2	0
10	6	1	4	4	0
11	9	2	3	5	0
12	8	2	2	5	0
13	14	4	0	13	0
14	14	1	2	14	0
Total	163	23	23	138	1

Forgiveness

Question #	Forgiveness	God's Forgiveness	Forgive others	Forgive parents' faults	Absolution	Forgive members' faults
1	2	2	0	0	0	0
2	3	0	3	0	0	0
3	1	0	1	0	0	0
4	4	0	4	0	0	0
5	1	1	0	0	0	0
6	4	2	2	0	0	0
7	1	0	1	0	0	0
8	2	0	1	1	0	0
9	8	0	0	0	8	0
10	6	5	0	0	5	1
11	2	1	1	0	0	0
12	3	1	2	0	0	0
13	5	1	4	0	0	0
14	7	2	7	0	0	0
Total	49	15	26	1	13	1

- 1. How do support and prayer help us in our life together?**
- 2. How does forgiveness help us to support each other?**
- 3. How does prayer help us to love and forgive one another?**
- 4. How are love and forgiveness similar?**
- 5. How are love and forgiveness different?**
- 6. How does forgiveness help us in our life together when we fail to meet the standards of moral behavior set forth in our understanding of roles and expectations?**
- 7. How does forgiveness help us in our life together when others fail to meet our standards of moral behavior set forth in our understanding of roles and expectations?**
- 8. Are you an example of forgiveness?**
- 9. What does it mean to forgive?**
- 10. What makes it difficult to forgive?**
- 11. Is it easier to forgive family members, church members, co-workers, or strangers? Why?**
- 12. What does God expect of us?**
- 13. Did Christ fulfill the expectations of God for us? For others?**