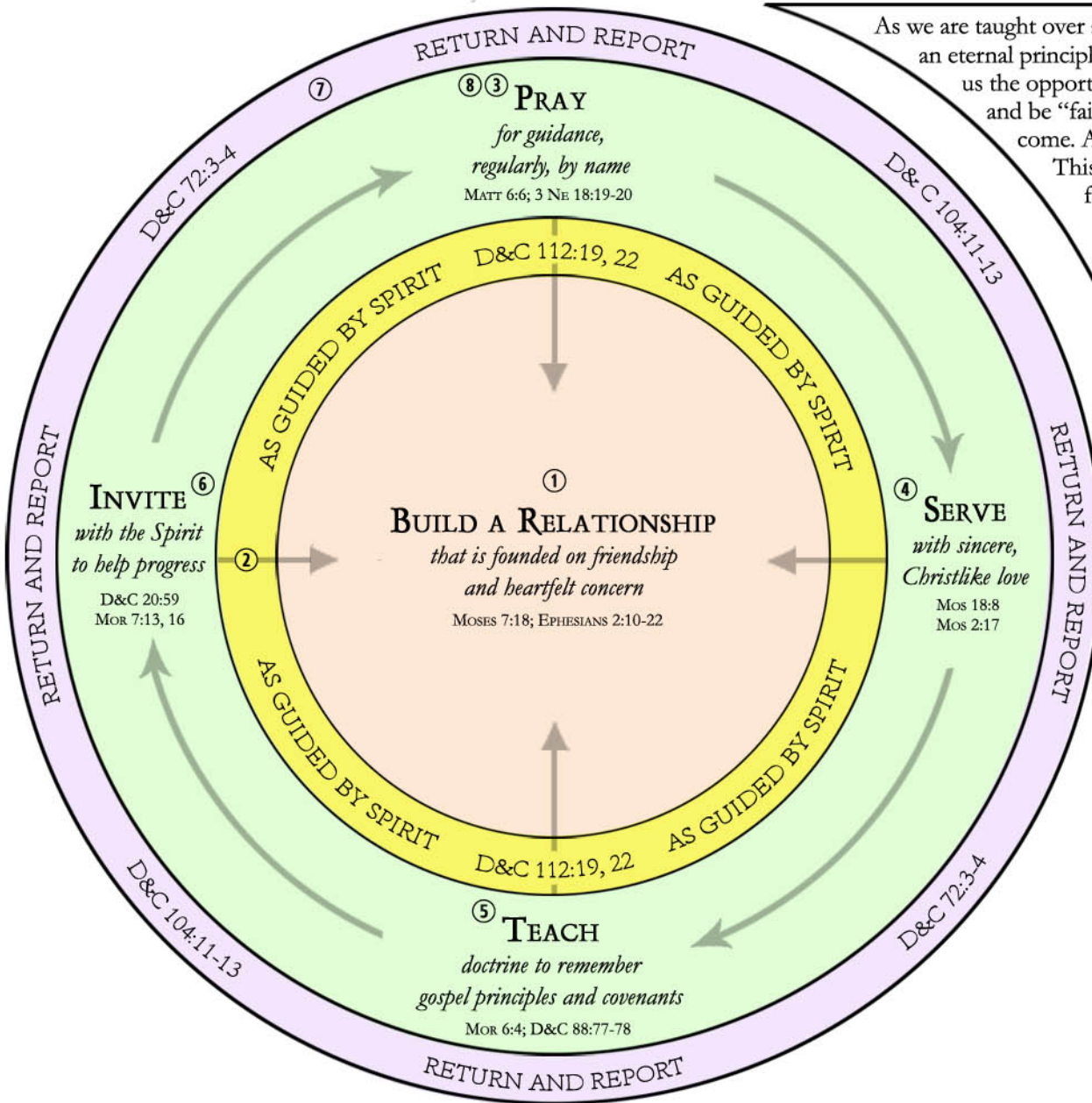


The STEWARDSHIP CYCLE

“And whoso is found a faithful, a just, and a wise steward shall enter into the joy of his Lord, and shall inherit eternal life.”
D&C 51:19

UNDERSTANDING THE STEWARDSHIP CYCLE



As we are taught over and over again in the church, the doctrine of stewardship is an eternal principle. The opportunities we have to be stewards in this life give us the opportunity to grow and learn what it means to “give an account” and be “faithful” and “wise”, preparing us for greater responsibility to come. As is His way, the Lord teaches us line upon line.

This visual aide was created, drawing from scripture, first and foremost to help make the point that when we are stewards over people (i.e. home/visiting teaching, parenthood, etc.), that stewardship is ongoing - it is not a one time thing.

That’s why this is called the stewardship cycle - it’s a continual process - because sometimes those relationships take time to nurture. Let’s look at the cycle

- ① **RELATIONSHIP** - all that we do is out of a sincere desire to get to know those we have stewardship over; this allows us to have a greater impact on their life
- ② **SPIRIT** - we should strive to seek the guidance of the Spirit and follow the promptings that come as we interact and touch the lives of those we serve
- ③ **PRAY** - the one thing we can do to truly grow close to others is pray for them; we come to truly love them and the Spirit can help us know what they need
- ④ **SERVE** - regardless of how close we are with somebody, we can always find ways to serve people that can help touch hearts and bring in the Spirit
- ⑤ **TEACH** - we should look for teachable moments with those we have stewardship over; the doctrine of the gospel is what truly changes peoples lives
- ⑥ **INVITE** - we should want to see them grow and progress, always invite with a Spirit of love, while remembering that they have their agency
- ⑦ **RETURN & REPORT** - we are accountable, whether to our priesthood leaders or our Heavenly Father; we must take the initiative to report on our stewardship
- ⑧ **CONTINUE** - if a true relationship is to form, you have to have faith and diligence; **DON'T GIVE UP ON THE PERSON, DON'T GIVE UP ON YOUR STEWARDSHIP, CONTINUE DOING THE THINGS YOU HAVE CONTROL OVER AND LOVE THEM!**