

## Critical Thinking Wheels

**“People do not care how much you know until they know how much you care.”**

Once people know that you care, they still expect three things from a leader:

First, that you know how to **think** both logically and systematically.

Second, that you know how to **write** using proper grammar and spelling.

Third, that you know how to **speak** in ways that touch their mind, will, and emotions.

As leaders, we earn credibility in a postmodern culture by our caring and by our precise communication.

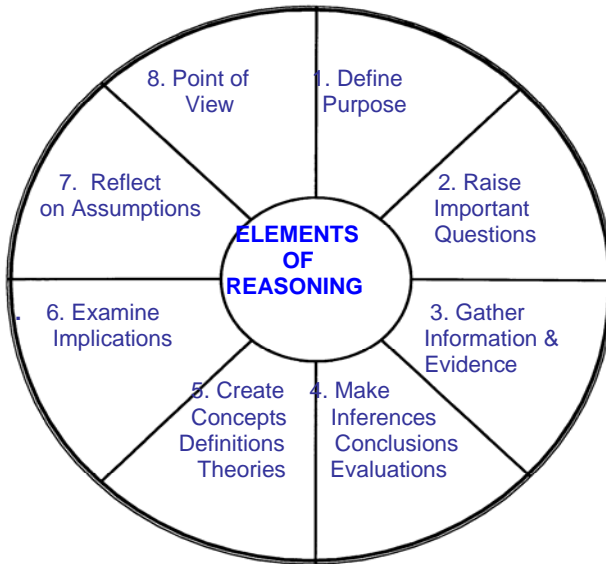
Whether it is fair or not, the world holds Christians to a higher standard. The world is looking for excuses to reject our message. We must not give them unnecessary opportunities.

When our communication is caring, concise, precise, accurate, and thoughtful, we earn their respect and their consideration of our message.

When our writing and speaking skills are sloppy, biased, wordy, redundant, we lose their respect—and we will allow them to reject our message.

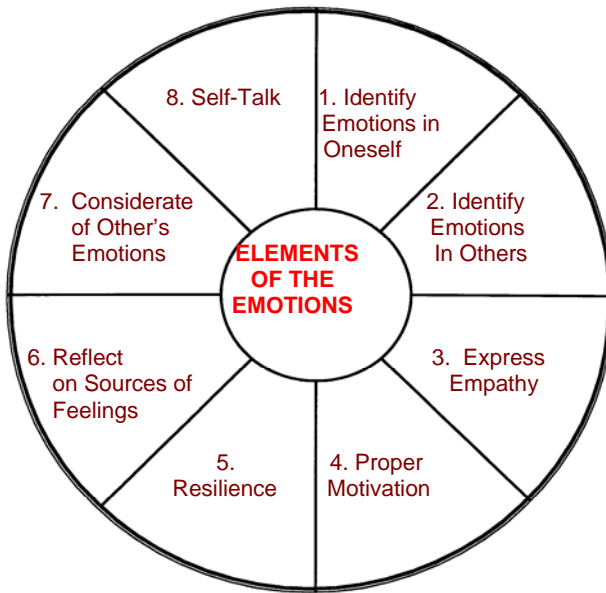
Our message is too important to be shared in a haphazard way.

### Elements of Logical Reasoning



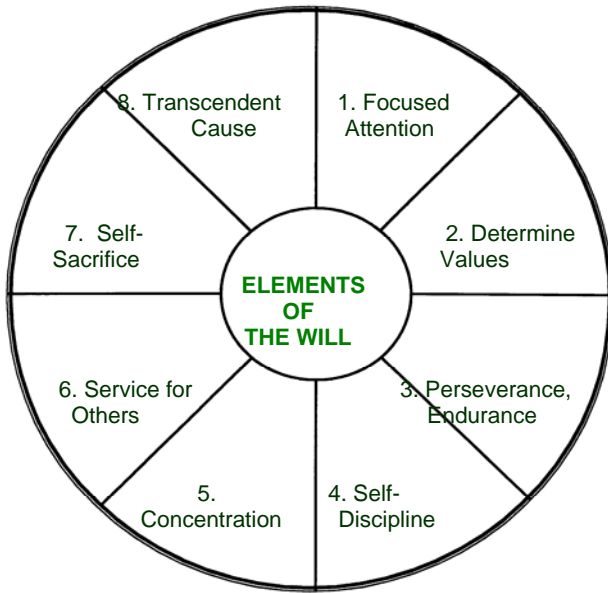
<b>ELEMENTS OF REASONING APPLIED TO SERVANT LEADERSHIP</b>	
	1. Develop the Mind of Christ. What are my life purposes?
	2. How does a servant-leader think? What does a servant-leader do?
	3. What passages in the Bible, commentaries, and books deal with servant leadership?
	4. What is servant-leadership?
	5. What does servant leadership look like?
	6. What does being a servant-leader imply?
	7. What is missing from what I know about servant-leadership?
	8. Is my viewpoint western? Biblical? Experiential? Theoretical?

### Elements of Emotional Reasoning



<b>ELEMENTS OF THE HEART APPLIED TO SERVANT LEADERSHIP</b>	
	1. What emotions am I feeling? The fruit of the Spirit. The mind of Christ. Honest self-analysis.
	2. Am I projecting my emotions on others? Do I understand the emotions/baggage of others? Have I listened to their hopes and fears?
	3. Have I felt their hurt? Have I validated their feelings? Have I built a bridge of trust?
	4. Am I motivating or am I manipulating? Have I created win-win solutions?
	5. Am I exercising self-control, perseverance, and commitment? 2 Timothy 1:7
	6. Are my emotions being confused by doubt, fear, anger, unforgiveness, resentment, and/or wrong beliefs?
	7. Am I starting where people are? Have I taken their emotions into account?
	8. Is my self-talk biblical? I am God's ambassador of reconciliation. I am significant because of what Christ has done.

### Elements of Decision Making



<b>ELEMENTS OF THE WILL APPLIED TO SERVANT-LEADERSHIP</b>	
	1. Do I have a single-minded focus on being a servant-leader?
	2. What are the values of servant-leadership?
	3. Am I weary in well doing? How can I press on?
	4. Am I experiencing God's power, love, and self-control?
	5. Is what I am doing equipping others to do God's work? The purpose-driven life.
	6. Am I experiencing God through serving others? Are my spiritual gifts equipping and encouraging others through body life?
	7. Is Christ's example motivating me to spiritual excellence?
	8. Am I doing God's will?