



Nine Characteristics of Christian Practices

Each Practice . . .

- Involves us in God's activities in the world and reflects God's grace and love
- Is a complex set of acts, words, and images that address one area of fundamental human need
- Is learned with and from other people
- Comes to us from the past and will be shaped by us for the future
- Is thought-full; it implies certain beliefs about our about ourselves, our neighbors, and God
- Is done within the church, in the public realm, in daily work, and at home
- Shapes the people who participate in the practice, individually and communally
- Has good purposes, although it often becomes corrupted
- Comes to a focus in worship

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