

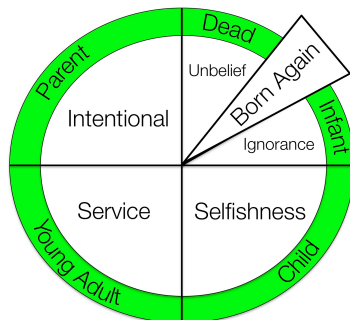
5. Spiritual _____

- a. "My relationship with Jesus is the most important relationship in my life. It guides EVERYTHING I do."
- b. They are fully surrendered to Jesus and His agenda.
- c. They are intentional about building relationships so that discipleship can happen.
- d. They are able to reproduce!
- e. They are able to feed themselves spiritually.
- f. They value the church team. They are team players, committed to seeing the church accomplish its mission.
- g. They recognize their gifts and how they fit into the big picture of the church.
- h. They strive to help the body of Christ be a powerful force and accomplish the great commission.
- i. They read their Bible daily for continual nourishment.
- j. They take ownership. They love to give tithes and offerings as the church is now, "MY church."
- k. Worship is a part of their daily lifestyle, not just a Sunday event.
- l. Their faith is not something they do; it is WHO they are.

One word that describes them: _____

NEED: Covenant relationships to hold them accountable in their walk with God and an "infant" to "parent."

Colossians 1:9-10 NLT So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.



PART 4: GROWING UP SPIRITUALLY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

2 Samuel 23:8-39 David's Mighty Men

1 Samuel 22:1-2 NLT So David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. Soon his brothers and all his other relatives joined him there. 2 Then others began coming—men who were in trouble or in debt or who were just discontented—until David was the captain of about 400 men.

INGREDIENTS FOR GROWTH

1. _____ to the Son.
2. An exchange of _____.

Galatians 5:17-23 NLT

3. A commitment to growth and _____.

1 Corinthians 13:11 NLT When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things.

Colossians 2:6-7 NLT And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. 7 Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

FIVE STAGES OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY

1. Spiritually _____
 - a. They are deceived and blind to the truth of God's love.
 - b. They live a life contrary to the Bible.
 - c. They may or may not believe there is a God.

- d. Some may attend church but aren't ready for a personal relationship with Christ, yet they would identify as being a Christian.

Ephesians 2:1-3 NIV As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

One word that describes them: _____

NEED: To be born again and make Jesus Christ the Lord of their life.

2. Spiritual _____

1 Peter 2:2 NIV Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.

- a. Ignorance, as they don't know much about Biblical truth.
- b. Confusion, because they don't know how to replace the old habits and lifestyle with the new habits of being a disciple of Christ.
- c. Dependence, because they cannot accomplish growth alone any more than a baby can feed and care for itself.
- d. Serving, tithing, and greater commitments cause them to "choke."
- e. They attend church but are not actively involved.
- f. Worship is more of a spectator activity.
- g. They tend to have a low level of love for others.
- h. They are in "receive mode" rather than "give mode."

One word that describes them: _____

NEED: To be planted in the local church and someone to feed and care for them in order to grow and thrive.

3. Spiritual _____

Ephesians 4:11-15 NLT

- a. Selfishness: They are self-centered because they are the center of their world and interpret everything from the "me" perspective.
- b. Idealism: Because they are inexperienced they tend to be black-and-white in their thinking, as well as naïve.
- c. Overconfidence or Under-confidence: They bounce from one perspective to another. Overconfidence manifests itself as pride. Under confidence can become self-loathing and defeat.

- d. They have made a commitment to trust Him with their souls' salvation and for eternity BUT they are just beginning to learn what it means and what it takes to develop a relationship with Him.
- e. They read their Bible on Sundays.
- f. They are now willing to donate their time to the church but not their finances.
- g. They enjoy singing during the worship experience.

One word that describes them: _____

NEED: To learn how to engage with Christ on a personal level and start feeding themselves from the Bible.

4. Spiritual _____

- a. They have a God-and-others-centered outlook.
- b. They begin to see that God has a purpose for their life as their priorities begin to change.
- c. They make the sacrifice necessary to serve for the good of others and to honor God.
- d. They go public with their faith and more willing to be identified as a follower of Jesus Christ.
- e. Their increasing love for Christ compels them to obey his command to reach the lost.
- f. As they are more secure in Christ they are able to overlook the faults of others.
- g. They are action-oriented, zealous, and in need of a way to get involved in ministry.
- h. They believe in the church vision and begin to invest financially.
- i. They read their Bible occasionally.
- j. They now fully engage in the worship encounters with singing, clapping, and lifting their hands.

Romans 12:10-13 NIV Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

One word that describes them: _____

NEED: To identify their unique gifts and talents and how those best fit into the vision of the church for the greatest impact.