

Neighborhood Church – Paul Owen
Growing Into Maturity – I John 2:12-15

<u>Spiritual Life Stages</u>	<u>Discipleship Challenge</u>	<u>Additional Characteristics</u>	<u>Overcoming Sin & Evil</u>	<u>Heart for Scripture</u>	<u>The Pastor's Responsibility is to...</u>	<u>How To Pray For Each Stage</u>
<u>Child/Infant in the Faith</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sins are forgiven because of Jesus. They know the Father 	Children will face opposition like worries, riches & pleasures Luke 8:14 Will often say, "Feed me! I want milk."	Talk, think & reason like a child I Cor. 13:11 Crave spiritual milk I Peter 2:2	Flee from evil 2 Tim 2:22 Struggle between masters Romans 6:11-14 Do not repay evil Romans 12:17 Do not delight in evil I Cor. 13:6 The Word planted can save James 1:21	Live on milk, not acquainted with the Words Heb. 5:13 Crave spiritual milk I Peter 2:2 From infancy they are taught the scriptures II Tim 3:15 Elementary and foundational teachings. Heb. 6:1	Warn without shaming. I Cor. 4:14 Discipline them as true sons. Heb. 12:8 Call them to imitate Christ Eph. 5:1 Teach, correct, rebuke & train in righteousness II Tim 3:16	Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith. Eph. 3:16-17 May be pure and blameless Philippians 1:9-10 For what is lacking in the faith I Thessalonians 3:10
<u>Youth/Young Adult in the Faith</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overcome the evil one The Word of God lives in them They are strong 	Need to grow in responsibility & wisdom Hebrews 5:14 Learn to Feed Themselves "I want meat!"	Put childish ways behind. I Cor. 13:11 Sets an example for the believer I Tim 4:12 Humility I Peter 5:5	Put evil desires to death Col. 3:5 Think like adults. I Cor. 14:20 Distinguish good from evil Heb. 5:14 Throw off sin Heb. 12:1 Resist the Devil James 4:7 Put on spiritual armor Heb. 6:10-18 Fight the good fight I Tim 1:18, 6:12	Left elementary teachings Heb. 6:1 Devoted to scripture I Tim 4:13 Correctly handles the word. II Tim 2:15 Feed themselves constantly Heb. 5:14 Kept pure by the Word. Ps 119:9	Urge them to imitate godly leaders I Cor. 4:15-16 Treat as brothers/sisters I Tim 5:1 Be worthy of imitating Hebrews 11:13 Model & Pass on II Tim 2:2	Pray they are rooted and established in love. Eph. 3:16 Pray that they will be active in sharing the faith, leading to a full understanding of Christ. Philemon 1:6
<u>Father/Spiritual Parent in the Faith</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They know the Father who is from the beginning 	Persevere for the long haul James 1:2-4 Train others to feed themselves "I want fruit!"	Willing Shepherds & Examples I Peter 5:1-3 Temperate, Worthy of respect, Self-controlled, Sound in faith, Love & Endurance Titus 2:2 In pains of childbirth Gal 4:19	Sound in faith, Love & Endurance Titus 2:2 In pains of childbirth Gal 4:19 Have fought the good fight, finished the race & kept the faith. II Tim 4:7	Firmly established in the truth II Peter 1:12 Pass on what has been received I Cor. 15:3-5 Teach others the Word II Tim 2:2	Sets an example for the believer I Tim 4:12 Exhort I Tim 5:1 Teach Titus 2:2	Pray they will teach others the Word II Tim 2:2 Pray they will finished the race well. II Tim 4:7 Pray they will persevere for the long haul James 1:2-4