

SPIRITUAL GROWTH CHART

	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
Overview	No God	Supreme Being	Christian God	Gospel of Jesus	Personal Conviction	Conversion	New Life	Big Changes!	Fruit of Spirit	Consistent Living	Discipleship/multiplication
Common characteristics of seeker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atheist or agnostic? • <i>Hopeless?</i> • See God as crutch? • Prejudiced against gospel? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledges a Supreme Being • Authority possible outside of self • Morality is subjective • Beliefs make little impact on behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental assent to Christian God • Authority recognized outside of self • May attend church or read Bible • Good works are sufficient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head questions • Can often explain gospel • Fear of hell possible but no lasting change • Alternates bet. good/bad behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heart questions • Holy Spirit makes claims of Jesus personal and unavoidable • Desire to change • Afraid of change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born again • Repentance • New hope • Joy • Faith • Thankfulness • New beginning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excitement and doubts • Evangelism of friends • Hunger to learn more • Learn to pray with results • Gifts begin to emerge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of outward sins • Pruning • Change of lifestyle • Regular Bible reading and prayer • Deeper theological thoughts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of inward sins • Holy living in secret • Accountability • Attitude change • Brokenness • Discover patterns of gifts, calling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ-likeness as a lifestyle • Selfless ministry to others • Serving and giving • Stability • Example to others • Goal oriented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reproduction of Christ in others • Humility • Wisdom • Joy and peace beyond circumstances • Disciplined • Inspiration to others
Common practical steps to lead seeker to next stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hear testimony of God's power • Use logic • Ask why angry toward God? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage to pray • Encourage to read Bible • Attend church together 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage to read Bible • Attend church together • Encourage to pray 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend church together • Encourage to pray • Encourage to read Bible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage to believe • Ask the seeker bold personal questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confession of faith • Encourage seeker to trust Jesus for everything 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water baptism • Share gospel with others • Worship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop new habits • Learn to resist the devil • Flee from evil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop spiritual disciplines (prayer, fasting, Bible reading, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry • Fruit that lasts in self and in others • Hunger for more of Jesus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacrificial love for others • Self denial • Joy even in suffering

- Please use as guidelines and suggestions, led by the Holy Spirit. Do not apply legalistically or as a formula. Every person grows and responds uniquely to Christ!
- Expect to be surprised: people can move very quickly through stages, seemingly skip over stages, or do them in a different order.