

Next Steps in Spiritual Growth:

Instructions:

For each statement, put a number from 1-5 (1 low, 5 expert) based on how you feel about what is said. This sheet is to show you how you can grow as a believer and what areas of knowledge that you can grow in.

Evangelism

- I can express the gospel message clearly and comfortably.
- I can tell my testimony concisely.
- I can assist someone who is ready to give his/her life to Christ.
- I feel confident to answer frequently asked questions about Christianity.

Water Baptism

- I have been baptized in water. (Yes or No)
- I have studied the Biblical basis for water baptism.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

- I can give a basic explanation of the Trinity.
- I have studied the Biblical case for Baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- I understand the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the evidence of speaking in tongues.
- I regularly speak in tongues and can explain its use and value. (1 Corinthians 14)
- I have learned about and seek to use the nine supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit to build up others (1 Corinthians 12).

How to Overcome Sin

- I am finding some significant success in the process of overcoming sin and changing.
- I am more likely to see the cost of sin and turn from it than cave in and pay for it.
- I am finding significant success in overcoming temptation.

The Bible

- I have studied the case for the reliability of the Bible.
- I have a regular time of Bible reading and prayer.
- I know how to study the Bible for myself.
- I apply the basic guidelines for interpreting the Bible.
- I apply guidelines for interpreting different types of biblical literature.

Prayer

- I pray daily.
- I am learning to hear God's voice.
- I can provide possible reasons for "unanswered" prayer.
- I have fasted.
- I have studied the reasons why fasting is useful.

Repentance and Making a Moral Inventory

- ___ I repent quickly for my wrongs against God and people and make apologies when appropriate.
- ___ I have made a complete moral inventory of my past sins and made restitution wherever possible.

Forgiving Others

- ___ I have made a list of people who have wronged me and forgiven each one.
- ___ I quickly forgive when I am wronged.

The Yielded Life

I make a practice of turning from selfishness and yielding my personal rights to Jesus in the following areas:

- ___ The right to do what I want with my life
- ___ The right to a position and people's approval
- ___ The right to marriage (for single people)
- ___ The right to shelter and food I enjoy
- ___ The right to use my talents and gifts
- ___ The right to sleep
- ___ The right to use my finances and possessions as I want
- ___ The right to the friends I prefer
- ___ The right to the entertainment I want
- ___ The right to spend time as I please
- ___ The right to life itself

Sex and Dating

- ___ I seek to live within God's physical, mental, and heart boundaries regarding sexuality.
- ___ I treat the opposite sex, both dating and in friendships, within biblical standards.
- ___ I know how to evaluate a relationship in terms of the possibility of marriage.
- ___ I know and follow biblical advice on how to break up with someone I'm dating.
- ___ I know the Bible's teaching regarding homosexuality.
- ___ I have found freedom and cleansing from my sexual past.

Time Management

- ___ I have written down some life goals, 1-year goals, 5-year goals, and 6-month goals.
- ___ I evaluate how I spend my time according to God's and my goals and priorities.
- ___ I manage my time effectively.

Financial Management

- ___ I consider all my money and possessions as owned by God. I am the manager.
- ___ I tithe 10% of my income.
- ___ I am not in debt except for a home loan. If in debt, I am actively working to pay it off.
- ___ I have repented of all past financial wrongdoings and have made restitution.
- ___ I have established a budget and live within it.
- ___ I practice the biblical principle of giving my resources generously.

Guidance

- ___ I know and apply biblical principles of guidance.
- ___ I practice a lifestyle of seeking and obeying God's guidance rather than only my own wisdom.
- ___ I know the biblical instruction and check for the different ways God guides.

Talking Christianly

- ___ I refrain from speaking or listening to negative talk about others.
- ___ I refrain from complaining.
- ___ I have repented of past sins involving my words and made restitution where appropriate.
- ___ I know how to confront in a constructive and redemptive manner.
- ___ I receive correction graciously.

Work Ethic

- ___ I am dependable, on time, and work steadily for my employer.
- ___ I consistently clean up after myself and help with chores in my home.
- ___ I take a day to honor God and do what restores me.

Worship

- ___ I give God my full attention during times of worship, choosing to participate no matter how I feel.
- ___ I have studied the biblical basis for different expressions of worship (e.g., raising hands, kneeling).
- ___ I worship God when alone.

Suffering

- ___ I generally respond to difficulties by trusting God's good character and pursuing His help.
- ___ I can give a biblical explanation for why suffering exists.
- ___ I choose to stay free from resentment, self-pity, and blaming.
- ___ I have some understanding and perspective of suffering's purposes.

Authority

- ___ I submit to authority with a good attitude.
- ___ When I am leading, I lay down my life to serve those I lead.
- ___ I know how to respond in a godly manner to weakness in my authorities.
- ___ I know how to appeal to authority for a change.

Missions

- ___ I participate in missions by giving, praying, and/or going.
- ___ I have studied the biblical mandate for telling the gospel to all people.
- ___ I plan to befriend an international student or worker.