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Guidance

- I know and apply biblical principles of guidance.
- I seek and obey God's guidance rather than only my own wisdom.
- I know the biblical instruction and checks for the 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 know how to effectively befriend an international student or worker.

Next Steps in Spiritual Growth: Where to Start in *Tools for Mentoring*

Check all the items that you consistently incorporate into your life. Leave blank the items you want to learn about or incorporate more consistently. Work through the corresponding modules in *Tools for Mentoring*.

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.
- I have studied the biblical basis for water baptism.

Baptism with the Holy Spirit

- I can give a basic explanation of the Trinity (*very basic...*).
- I have studied the biblical case for the baptism with the Holy Spirit.
- I have experienced the baptism with the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues.
- I regularly speak in tongues and can explain its use and value.
- 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.

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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 the following wrongs and made restitution wherever possible:
 - Stealing
 - Cheating
 - Lying
 - Slander and Gossip
 - Sexual Immorality
 - Rebellion
 - Occult
 - Non-Christian Religions
 - Drunkenness, Drugs, Partying
 - Judgment
 - Obscenity and Coarse Joking
 - Envy, Jealousy, Coveting
 - Pride
 - Ingratitude
 - Anger
 - Resentment and Bitterness
 - Others _____

Forgiving Others

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

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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 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 possibility for marriage.
- I know and follow biblical advice on how to break up with someone I'm dating.
- I understand 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 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.