

SIGNS OF GROWTH TOWARDS CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL MATURITY

AREA OF GROWTH	SPIRITUAL IMMATURITY	SPIRITUAL MATURITY
PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD	<p>No hunger or desire for a personal relationship with God</p> <p>No interest in a personal walk with Jesus day by day</p> <p>Only able to take spiritual milk</p> <p>Depends on others to feed him/her</p>	<p>Hunger & thirst for God and for his Word</p> <p>Desire for a disciplined daily walk with Jesus through prayer & fasting, Bible reading & meditation, praise & worship</p> <p>Able to feed on God's Word & digest spiritual meat</p>
GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS	<p>Little or no evidence of growth in holiness or development of Christlike character</p> <p>Self-centredness as opposed to Christ-centredness</p> <p>No evidence of spiritual discernment</p> <p>Tossed to and fro by every wind of false doctrine; attracted more to signs & wonders / religious experiences than to a disciplined walk and dependence on the Word of God</p> <p>Easily discouraged & overwhelmed by trials of faith & by spiritual warfare</p>	<p>Gradual growth in holiness & Christlike character through a disciplined daily walk with Jesus</p> <p>Dependence on God's grace & on the Holy Spirit's power to produce the fruit of the Spirit & minister in the gifts of the Spirit</p> <p>Increasing love for God & for others</p> <p>Ability to discern good from evil & truth from error</p> <p>Perseverance in trials of faith & growing effectiveness in spiritual warfare</p>
EFFECTIVE SERVICE & MINISTRY TO OTHERS	<p>No witness or attempt to share the love of Jesus</p> <p>Expects to be served rather than to serve others</p> <p>Little involvement in the life of the fellowship or with other Christians</p>	<p>Evidence of effective ministry to others with the love of Jesus</p> <p>Servant heart & humble service</p> <p>Ministry in the gifts of the Spirit</p> <p>Plays an active role in the fellowship and in other Christian activities</p>
ASSURANCE OF FAITH	<p>Lacks assurance of faith and hope of heaven</p> <p>No involvement in discipleship</p> <p>Unable to teach or lead others to faith in Christ</p>	<p>Full assurance of faith & guarantee of eternal life</p> <p>Takes an active role in discipleship as a spiritual parent/mentor</p> <p>Able to teach and lead others to faith in Christ</p>