

Five Stages of Growth: Disciples to Shepherds Pathway. (Give up/ Gain)

Spiritual Growth Stage: Characteristic Need.	Stage 1: Rebirth “Unbelief” is being closed to God and dead in sin.	Stage 2: Infancy: “Ignorance: lack of knowledge” is still selfish and needy.	Stage 3: Childhood “Self-centered-ness” is still self-reliant/ interested.	Stage 4: Young Adulthood “Service: God-centeredness, Other-centered”	Stage 5: Parenthood “Intentional Reproducibility Strategy”
Colossians 2:6-7	Receive Jesus as Lord by faith. John 1:12-13; 17-18	Walk in Him by abiding in His Word. Matt. 4:12-25; John 8:31-36; 14:21-15:17	Rooted and Built up in Him Matthew 10:1-42; 11:25-30; Colossians 3:1-17	Strengthened in the Faith as taught. Matthew 23:1-39; 2 Timothy 3:16	Abounding in Thanksgiving Matthew 26-28; John 15:5-7
Developmental Growth Need:	Receptivity: By faith, depend on Lord for life.	Bonding: Abiding in Jesus’ Word to love & know Him.	Connecting: Each shares to know him together.	Serving: By faith, giving Self to Lord for His power/ use.	Reproducing: Lay down life as God multiplies family.
Give Up	Old Life of Death and Darkness	Self-Rule of Lawless Flesh: Sin	Selfishness of Flesh: Isolation	Self-Interest of Flesh: Reputation	Self-Preservation of Flesh: Soul
Gain	New Life of Spirit and Truth	Closeness with the Lord Jesus	Camaraderie to be Filled in Jesus	Identify with to Embody Jesus	Reproduction to Reveal Jesus
Maturing relationship with Jesus as Lord	New Life under Jesus as Lord: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit to Lord Reject Self-Rule Reborn in Spirit 	Bonding & Abiding in Jesus as Lord: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devoted Word Sanctify Flesh Life-Witness 	Fullness Together with Jesus the Lord <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnering Sharing Shepherding 	Serving in Family/ Body by Jesus as Lord <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be Instructed Share Word Oversee 	Sacrificially Loving alongside Lord Jesus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipping Enduring Reminding
Roles/ Responsibilities:	Newborn Disciple: Responsible to Live	Devoted Disciple: Responsible for Self/ Relationship with Jesus	Shepherd Disciple Responsible for Lost Sheep	Servant Disciple Responsible for Team and Family	Parental Disciple: Responsible for Overseeing Family Generations
Called as Sons to Give God...	Holy Worship by Faith to Know God. Jn.17:3	Faithful Devotion to Love God. Mk.12:30-31	Loving Relations to Please God. 1Th.4:1	Consecrated Life to Serve God. 1Cor.12:6	Reborn Disciples to Bless God. Eph. 1:18
Milestones:	Testify of New Life Matthew 28:18-20 Mark 16:16	Daily Devotions Mark 1:35-38 Romans 12:1-2	Partner as Shepherds Matthew 10:1 Matthew 18:19-20	Serve to Lead/ Teach Mark 10:45 Mark 10:42-45	Sacrifice to Raise Up John 12:23-26 John 21:15-19