

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

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