

Spiritual Stages Scale

*Adapted by Dean Halverson and Howard Killion from the Spiritual Awareness and Growth Scale by Dr. James F. Engel.
Note: Not everyone goes through these stages exactly as indicated, but they are important signposts.*

| God's Initiative | Christian's Responsibility | | International's Response (Becoming aware of, and then more and more in love with, Jesus Christ) | |
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| <p>Witness of the Spirit</p> <p>Gives spiritual life</p> | <p>Ministry outreach</p> <p>Christian fellowship</p> <p>Personal growth</p> | <p>+10</p> <p>+9</p> <p>+8</p> <p>+7</p> <p>+6</p> <p>+5</p> <p>+4</p> <p>+3</p> <p>+2</p> <p>+1</p> | <p>Vision for future ministry</p> <p>Effective outreach to others</p> <p>Development in Christian leadership</p> <p>Growth in total stewardship</p> <p>Recognition and use of spiritual gifts</p> <p>Understanding and application of Bible doctrine</p> <p>Growth in Bible study</p> <p>Conceptual and behavioral growth</p> <p>Adoption of Christian identity</p> <p>Assurance of salvation</p> | |
| | <p>Harvesting</p> | | | <p>Conversion: New Creation in Christ because received Him as Savior</p> |
| | <p>Convicts</p> | <p>Cultivating and watering the crop</p> | <p>-1</p> <p>-2</p> <p>-3</p> | <p>Repentance</p> <p>Decision to act</p> <p>Recognition of personal sin problem in relation to God</p> |
| | <p>Reveals Himself</p> | <p>Planting the seed</p> | <p>-4</p> <p>-5</p> <p>-6</p> <p>-7</p> | <p>Positive attitude toward the Gospel</p> <p>Understanding fundamentals of the Gospel</p> <p>Positive attitude toward the God who has made Himself fully known only through Jesus [Biblical Monotheism: Christianity (but no personal relationship with Jesus)]</p> <p>Understanding that God made Himself fully known only through Jesus</p> |
| | <p>Preparing the soil</p> | | | <p>Belief in a Creator God with personal attributes but not belief in Jesus as God [Nonbiblical Monotheism: Judaism, Islam, some forms of Hinduism]</p> |
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