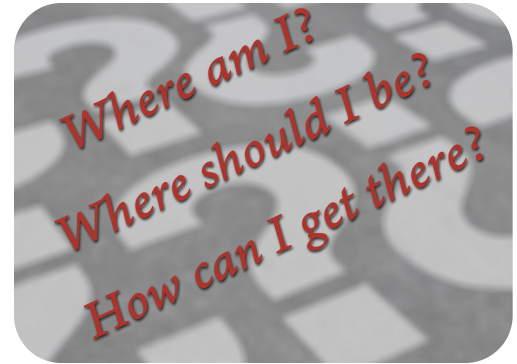


#14 Curiosity

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- Once believers hear about these three stages, and realize there is no fourth stage, they begin to wonder about which group they fit into.
- Like a group photo! Am I in there? What do I look like?
- The family analogy readily communicates to all believers everywhere!
- The levels are to challenge us rather than having us compete!



A Fresh Vision of Growth

- Instead of seeing healthy growth, many believers have fallen into spiritual stagnancy
- They have troubles in one or more areas of their lives and have largely given up hope
- Physical and spiritual “growth spurts”

A Growing Hope

- “You mean you really want me to be like Jesus?” (‘Father’)
- “What is the next step for me?”
- Life grows on its own.
- But we can cultivate it.

The Holy Spirit is still drawing me toward full spiritual development.
Wait, where have I turned down the wrong path?
God has a plan for me.
God has equipped me to grow into maturity.
Where am I at?
What is the next step for me to grow in?
How can I grow more?

“O send out Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead me; Let them bring me to Thy holy hill, And to Thy dwelling places. Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And upon the lyre I shall praise Thee, O God, my God” (Psalm 42:3-4).

Our Lessons

- Stagnated growth is noted by the lack of desire to grow, or the belief that growth is no longer necessary or important.

- If believers see spiritual growth as a real possibility, their interest in growing is reignited.

Our Applications

➡ How eager are people to learn God's Word around you? Evaluate the attitudes of those attending the meetings to learn, pray and worship.

➡ How enthusiastic are you in learning and growing? In what areas could you be stronger? Do you think you have room for growth in those areas? Explain.