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- The physical life cycle from birth-growth-maturity-reproduction-caring-aging-absence is true spiritually too.
- Our job is to make others more successful in their growth than ourselves.



Stepping in, Stepping out

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A Grasp of the Whole

- Responsiveness - We more easily awaken to the importance of our present state in life.
- Clarity - We gain a fairly clear picture of what already has or has not transpired through our lives.
- Focus - We sharpen our determination in reaching maturity and fulfilling His particular plan for our lives.

A Big Problem:

Believers rarely have spiritual goals.

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Two Heart Cries

(1) The Book of Joshua calls my heart to hope for God's great work through my life. All is possible.

(2) The Book of Judges humbles my heart. I grieve over how I have neglected my life responsibilities.

- The full potential of victory sits right next to the awful shame of defeat.

Here are some life opportunities.
What are yours?

- Are you living with a horrible spouse?
- Is your boss insensitive to your capabilities?
- Has someone just 'stolen' your girl?
- Are you getting grumpy over getting old?

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YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH CHART

- The new believer is learning basic teaching and care.
- The young believer is learning how to use God's Word to overcome temptation.
- The mature believer is nurturing his/her relationship with God while caring for others.

Little child Young man Fathers

- Clarify where you are on the spiritual life chart.
- Note where you should be.
- Seek the Lord that He would move you to where you should be
- Seek to increasingly bear fruit.

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Two analogies combined

The Life Analogy

The analogy of physical life articulates the source, power, design, and drive of spiritual life.

The Growth Analogy

The analogy of physical growth alerts us to the developmental needs at each stage of spiritual growth.

The movement and design allows the believer to identify God's powerful purposes within his or her life.

Stage #3
Stage #2
Stage #1

The design has as sense at each stage which in turn allows us to see what is to occur at that period.

The power of interconnectivity occurs when two or more analogies are merged together!

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Path of Discipleship

Strengthening Faith

Discovering Love Establishing Hope

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LITTLE CHILDREN **YOUNG MEN** **FATHERS**

Strong security from His love Great confidence from His word Deep intimacy with God

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Our Lessons

- Our limited time places an urgency on identifying where we are at on the spiritual growth chart and impels us to move forward.
- God wants to strategically work through our lives but an increasing growth and maturity are essential requirements.
- When we purpose to grow, then growth suddenly becomes easier and more exciting.

Application

- Indicate where you are on the spiritual life growth chart. Why do you suggest that spot?
- Do you sense the urgency of spiritual growth? Talk with the Lord about this matter and ask Him to highlight your priorities in life at this point.






