

YOUNG **ADULT**

INFANT

SPIRITUAL INFANT:

DEAD

SPIRITUALLY DEAD: People in this stage have

not yet relinquished control

of their lives to Christ. They may completely reject God, or they may be

seeking God. They may be "spiritual", and they

may even claim to know

God or be a Christian. In

reality, they are their own

TRAITS

• They are broken.

(aware or unaware)

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They are living through their feelings and

PHRASES

THEY MIGHT SAY...

"I believe there are many

ways to Heaven."

"I'm a good person."

"I think there may be a

"My life is OK, better than

some

higher power.

They are lost.

understanding.

god.

haven't moved much past that point. They can be new believers, or they might be stagnant, longtime Christians. Life is generally all about them and their needs.

TRAITS

- God is of their being)
- They are confused about what truth is or they are just beginning to learn the truth.

THEY MIGHT SAY...

"I'm a good person, a send me to Hell."

"God wants me to be

want to be too 'religious"

In this stage, people have turned to Christ, but

They feel they are to be in control of their life. (A relationship with God beneficial addition to their life - not the core

PHRASES

'The Man upstairs", 'The Good Book". vague generalities or religious terms

loving God would never

happy.'

"I love God but don't

CHILD SPIRITUAL CHILD:

In this stage, people are growing in their relationship with God, and are also beginning to grow in their relationship with other Christians. They are applying God's Word in their lives and allowing others to walk beside them in their journey following Christ. However, it's still mostly about them - their needs, comfort, opinions,

TRAITS

- They are growing in their relationship with God.
- building are relationships with other believers.
- They are developing habits of Bible study, fellowship, and prayer.
- They are plugging into relational environments for the purpose of discipleship (small groups, etc)
- They are starting to give of their time and money.

PHRASES THEY MIGHT SAY...

"I love my church because I feel like I belong.

"My small group is great! They make me feel welcome.

"I'm upset about having to branch our small group. I just started making friends.

SPIRITUAL YOUNG ADULT:

In this stage, people are making a big shift from being self-centered to more others-centered. They're beginning to understand their role as a giver, rather than a They taker. are ministering to others, putting others first. They are being doers of the Word.

TRAITS

- They They are becoming less self-centered and more others-centered.
- They are beginning to see themselves ministers.
- They are tithing and giving of their time place from а thankfulness and love.
- They understand the Kingdom purpose of their everyday life.

PHRASES THEY MIGHT SAY...

"I'm going to visit Bob in the hospital tonight rather than going to the

"I'm serving in the nursery so that parents can attend a service.'

"Sure, I'll do _

"Your Kingdom come and will be done.'

PARENT

SPIRITUAL PARENT:

In this stage, the Parent has a solid understanding of God's Word and a deep, abiding relationship with the Father. They are living out God's Word in their lives daily. They are others-centered and Goddependent. They are able to reproduce mature disciples of Christ by inviting others to follow them as they follow Christ.

TRAITS

- They are mature disciples of Jesus, continually growing and developing their in relationship personal with God and as a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- They are skilled at assessing where others
- are in the discipleship process and getting personally involved to help them grow and develop.
- They understand their role as one who needs to intentionally invest in others making disciples who can make disciples.
- They are becoming a coach who develops other players/leaders.

PHRASES THEY MIGHT SAY...

"I'm taking Steve with me the next time I visit Bob in the hospital to help him learn how to minister to others.

"I have a couple good potential leaders in my sphere of influence that I'm going to personally invest in."

"Larry has leadership potential and he has really matured in his faith. I'm going to ask him to pray about _

THE 5 STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH