

# GROWING UP IN GOD'S FAMILY

## Growing-Up Goals for Diligent Disciples

2 Peter 1:1–11



### LET'S BEGIN HERE

We've been thinking about growing toward spiritual maturity for quite some time. The series has taken us through the stages all of us must pass (infancy, childhood, adolescence, and adulthood) as we mature in our walk with Christ. Even though we can never say that we have "arrived," there are some check-points by which we are able to measure our maturity. Let's focus our attention on them as we wrap up the series. They are set forth in the beginning of Peter's second letter. Spend a few minutes reading them. Starting with faith (2 Peter 1:5) and ending with love (1:7), you will find *eight* qualities which deserve our diligent effort.



### LET'S DIG DEEPER

#### 1. A Review of the Ages and Stages of Growth (see chart)

- Birth and infancy: "Help me!"
- Childhood and discovery: "Tell me!"
- Adolescence and irresponsibility: "Show me!"
- Adulthood and maturity: "Follow me!"

#### 2. A Plea for Balance and Obedience (2 Peter 1:3–5)

- Divine Power
- Human Diligence



## Quotable

*I rely not on my  
own logic but on  
God's truth.  
He says it, I believe  
it, and I can count  
on Him to keep  
His word.*

— Charles R. Swindoll



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### 3. A List of Goals and Objectives (2 Peter 1:5–11)

#### Expectations (2 Peter 1:5–7)

- Faith
- Moral excellence
- Knowledge
- Self-control
- Perseverance
- Godliness
- Brotherly kindness
- Christian love

#### Exhortations (2 Peter 1:8–11)

- One peril paralyzes us: high-tension poles of reality
- One peril immobilizes us: low-vision poles of identity



### LET'S LIVE IT

Your maturity depends upon what you believe and how you behave. How can you make a commitment to grow spiritually from this time forward? Write in the spaces provided some resources and the names of individuals you can bring alongside you to help in your “growing up” process. Close this time by writing down three spiritual growth goals you hope to move toward accomplishing this year.

#### Resources I will use:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



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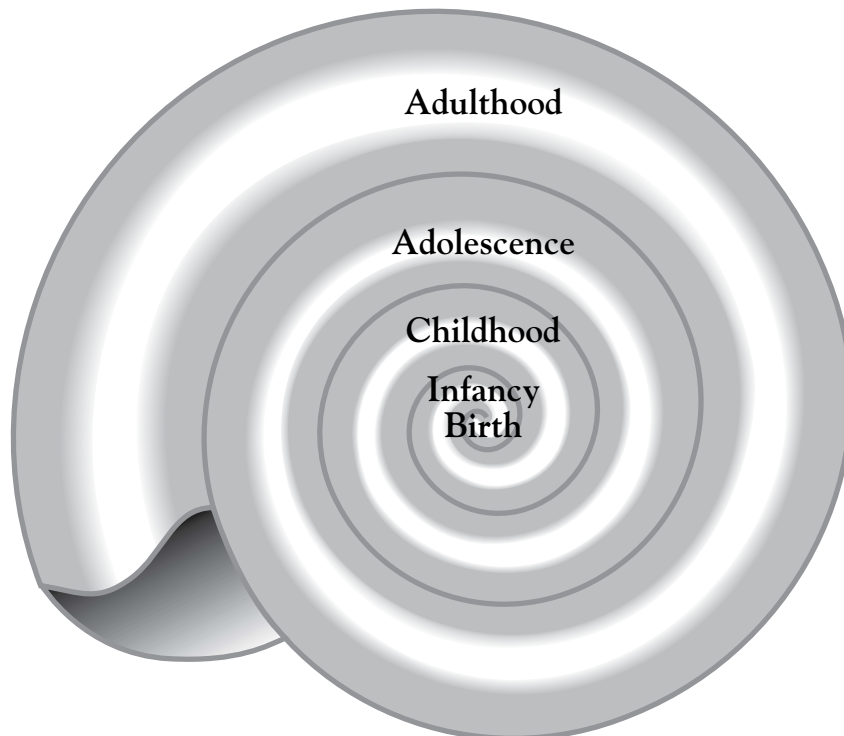
Individuals I will invite to help me grow spiritually:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Spiritual growth goals I will pursue:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Ages and Stages Toward Christian Maturity



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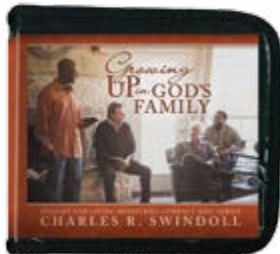
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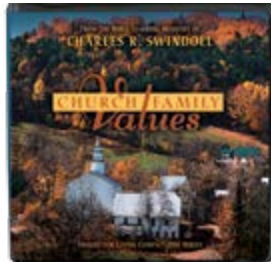
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