

Spiritual Status Self-Assessment

Are you curious about what your next steps are on your spiritual journey? In order to move forward in your relationship with Christ, it is important to know your current spiritual status and then look at what your next steps are to grow forward with Him. Do you desire to grow closer to Him, be conformed into His image. He promises that as we seek Him, we will find Him, but only “when” we seek Him with all of our heart. –Jeremiah 29:13

It’s not about checking a box that you attended a church service once a week or gave money to the church or missions program. It’s about your heart’s desire. Is your heart’s desire truly for Him? Do you *want* to put Him first in every aspect of your life. There is nothing in this life that compares to living for and with Jesus. Whether you are **Exploring** Christ, **Starting** your journey with Christ, **Growing** in Christ, or **Maturing** in Christ, there are next steps you can take both personally and through His church at Still Water to move forward in your relationship with Jesus. Remember, we are all “in process” and all of us continue to mess up from time to time. There has only been one perfect person – Jesus!

Learn your next steps by taking the self-assessment below, then review your next steps based on your spiritual status to move into a deeper relationship with the living Lord. Let us show you the way.

PART ONE: (Place the number of the statement that best describes you on the blank provided. This should give you a general idea of where you are on the path to Christlikeness)

At Still Water, we are “all about Jesus Christ!” These first 5 statements examine our heart:

1. ____ I am a person of grace – one who welcomes others no matter what they are like, showing mercy and kindness to others regardless of race, status, personality or lifestyle
 - 1) I’m self-focused, mostly concerned with my own needs right now
 - 2) I prefer people like myself; certain people are difficult for me to accept; I still struggle with some personal guilt
 - 3) I’m growing in grace, having accepted God’s forgiveness for all my sin; I’m learning to accept people whom I find difficult to love
 - 4) I’m accepting of everyone and show kindness to all kinds of people

2. ____ I am a person who is real and authentic – one who lives a transparent life
 - 1) I normally hide behind a “mask”; few, if any, know the real me
 - 2) I let some people know a few personal things about me
 - 3) I allow many people to know the real me without pretense or disguise
 - 4) I am authentic with most everyone and have a few people who know me intimately

3. ____ I am a person who is guided by the Word of God – one who knows and lives by the Bible as the true revelation of God
 - 1) I don’t really believe that the Bible is totally true and/or reliable
 - 2) I believe the Bible is God’s word and seek to learn it and apply it to my life
 - 3) I believe the Bible is the authoritative word of God and it currently guides my life
 - 4) I have a good grasp of God’s word and aim to let it guide every aspect of my life

4. _____ I am a person who is “all in” holding nothing back – one who is committed to following Jesus Christ and His teachings without reservation or hesitation
 - 1) I am not yet ready to give my allegiance to God
 - 2) I am committed to God in some areas of my life
 - 3) I am committed to God in many areas of my life
 - 4) I am fully surrendered to God, willing to do most anything for him

5. _____ I am a person who unites with others to make a difference – one who joins with other people of all kinds to carry out the mission of God
 - 1) I’m focused on my own issues right now, keeping pretty much to myself
 - 2) I occasionally join others for an opportunity/event to make a difference
 - 3) I regularly unite with others like me to make a difference for Christ
 - 4) I regularly unite with all kinds of people to make a difference for Christ

At Still Water, we believe there are four life-long practices in which every Christ follower should continually engage to make progress towards Christlikeness. These final 13 statements examine our personal habits related to the four practices listed below:

ENGAGE GOD INDIVIDUALLY

6. _____ I engage God individually in Bible reading
 - 1) I rarely (if ever) read the Bible
 - 2) I read the Bible occasionally, a few times a month
 - 3) I read the Bible regularly, several times a week
 - 4) I have made Bible reading a consistent part of my daily routine

7. _____ I engage God individually in personal prayer
 - 1) I pray less than weekly
 - 2) I pray a few times a week
 - 3) I pray once a day
 - 4) I pray regularly throughout my day

8. _____ I engage God individually in personal Bible study
 - 1) I rarely (if ever) study the Bible my own
 - 2) I have participated in Bible study with others and am learning how to study on my own
 - 3) I periodically study the Bible and use additional tools to enhance my study
 - 4) I consistently study the Bible, using additional tools to enhance my study

CONNECT IN A GROUP

9. _____ I am connected to a group of people where I experience biblical community
 - 1) I am not regularly involved with a group of Christ followers
 - 2) I occasionally attend a small group, but seldom interact with people outside of meetings
 - 3) I am committed to a small group of Christ followers who are getting to know one another at a deeper level
 - 4) I am actively devoted to “doing life together” with the members of my group where we commit to care for one another, grow together and impact others beyond our group

10. _____ I am actively growing in Biblical knowledge
- 1) I know very little about the Bible or its teachings
 - 2) I know a handful of basic Bible truths and am seeking ways to learn more
 - 3) I know much of what the Bible teaches and regularly discuss the Bible with others
 - 4) I know the Bible very well and am able to teach its truth to others
11. _____ I am able to manage and maintain healthy relationships with others
- 1) I have major unresolved conflicts with people in my life and/or personal issues
 - 2) I am beginning to resolve conflicts, experience forgiveness and build trust
 - 3) I currently experience loving relationships with some people, including myself
 - 4) I currently experience loving relationships with most people, including myself

WORSHIP IN A GATHERING

12. _____ I regularly attend and actively participate in praise and worship services
- 1) I attend services only occasionally, usually as a spectator
 - 2) I attend services once or twice a month, sometimes actively participating
 - 3) I attend services 2 or 3 times a month, usually as an active participant
 - 4) I attend services at least 3 out of 4 weeks, actively participating all the time
13. _____ I am learning and growing in Godly character
- 1) I do not know how the Bible describes Godly character
 - 2) I am making progress on obvious external behavioral issues
 - 3) I am moving beyond the external and beginning to deal with my internal motivations
 - 4) I am above reproach in most areas, consistently checking my motivations
14. _____ I give generously of my finances to God and His work
- 1) I rarely (if ever) give financially to the Lord's work
 - 2) I occasionally give to the general fund of a church or a special offering
 - 3) I give regularly to the general fund and special offerings
 - 4) I give faithfully and sacrificially to the general fund, special offerings & to support missions

IMPACT OTHERS

15. _____ I impact others by serving within our church family
- 1) I seldom (if ever) have served in a church role or for a special project
 - 2) I occasionally serve in a church role or for a special project
 - 3) I seasonally serve in a church role and occasionally for a special project
 - 4) I routinely serve in a church role and often for special projects
16. _____ I impact others by serving in the community
- 1) I seldom (if ever) serve people in the community
 - 2) I occasionally serve people in the community and share my faith
 - 3) I often seek ways to serve people in the community and share my faith
 - 4) I regularly and consistently serve people in the community and share my faith

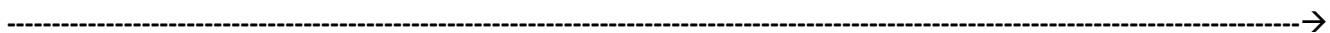
17. _____ I impact others by helping my co-workers find and follow Christ
- 1) I never even think about reaching my co-workers for Christ
 - 2) I sometimes take action steps to reach my co-workers for Christ
 - 3) I often seek ways to be more active in reaching my co-workers for Christ
 - 4) I regularly pray for and seek to share the Gospel with my co-workers
18. _____ I impact others by reaching cross-culturally for Christ (locally & globally)
- 1) I never even think about reaching cross-culturally for Christ
 - 2) I sometimes take action steps to reach cross-culturally for Christ
 - 3) I often seek ways to be more active in reaching cross-culturally for Christ
 - 4) I regularly take action to reach cross-culturally for Christ

PART TWO: Summary – Vital Question:

Where are you in your progress toward Christlikeness?

Add your responses for questions 1 through 18 in Part One and plot your total number on the chart below. Does this give you an indication of where you might be right now on your spiritual journey and progress toward Christlikeness?

18 27 36 54 63 72



EXPLORING Christ	STARTING With Christ	GROWING in Christ	MATURING in Christ
"I believe in God, but I'm not sure about Christ. My faith is not a significant part of my life. I have not yet made a commitment to follow Christ. I need to learn more about the claims of Christ and the Bible"	"I believe in Jesus and have trusted my eternal destiny to Him. I'm learning what it means to know and serve Him better. I need to be grounded in the faith and living for Christ"	"I have been a Christian for a while. I feel close to Christ and depend on him daily for guidance. I need Jesus to take full control of my life and to order my life around the things of God."	"My relationship with Christ is the most important thing in my life, shaping all of my thoughts and actions. I need to fully live out God's purposes in and through my life."