

# 2 Toward Maturity

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Juan and Maria quickly adjusted to having a new member in their family. They felt happy as the various friends and family members came to visit little Manuel. “Oh, he looks just like his daddy,” different ones commented, causing Juan to feel particularly proud. Maria also saw a resemblance between the father and his son. She and Juan compared Manuel’s baby photos with some that Juan’s mother had taken when Juan was a baby. There was definite similarity between father and son.

You may have had a similar experience. Someone may have remarked about how much you look like one of your family members. It can be an enjoyable experience to look back through an old photo album and observe the physical likenesses of different members of a family, even across several generations.

It should not surprise you, then, to discover in this lesson that the Christian life also includes some look-alikes. Jesus has given us His life. Wouldn’t you expect that as converts grow toward spiritual maturity there would be an increasing revelation of His life? In this lesson you will discover that the ultimate goal of spiritual growth is to develop Christlikeness. You will also learn what the Bible teaches about some of the elements involved in this process. What you learn in this lesson will prove valuable as you help others grow toward spiritual maturity.

## ***lesson outline***

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Into His Likeness

Making Persons Whole

Step by Step

## ***lesson objectives***

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After studying this lesson you should be able to:

1. State the goal of spiritual growth.
2. Identify the role of Christian nurture in developing the whole life of Christians.
3. Differentiate between intermediate goals and the ultimate goal of Christian nurture.
4. Identify the six need levels required for spiritual development.

## ***learning activities***

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1. Study the lesson according to the instructions given in the learning activities in Lesson 1. Be sure to read all Scripture texts given and answer each study question before looking at the answer we have given at the end of the lesson.
2. Look in the glossary at the end of the study guide for definitions of key words you do not know. Understanding the meaning of these words is necessary so that you will understand the lesson content.
3. Take the self-test and check your answers with those we have given at the end of the study guide.

**key words**

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capabilities

concepts

conform

developmental

distinctive

distorted

edification

ethical

exemplary

indeterminate

innate

instantaneous

integration

motives

orientation

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transformation

ultimate

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## *lesson development*

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### **INTO HIS LIKENESS**

#### **Spiritual Development Expected**


**Objective 1.** *State the goal of spiritual growth.*

All life has a nature distinctive to its own kind. The character of that life is transmitted through the processes of reproduction. Given the proper conditions for growth, the character of that life will be revealed. When you plant a grain of rice, corn, beans, or anything else, you know what will grow from it. The distinctive nature of the life is contained in the seed. Under appropriate conditions, the character of that life will burst forth and develop to fullness.

This truth is important to recognize when considering spiritual life. The new life God gives in Jesus is His own life. His life, too, has its own distinctive nature and character. As the new life is nurtured under proper spiritual conditions, we become more like God. Our responsibility is to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, permitting Him to control and shape our new life according to His will (Romans 8:5–11; Galatians 5:25).

#### ***Application***

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- 1** Circle the letter in front of each TRUE statement.
  - a)** When nurtured properly, the Christian life will develop into Christlikeness.
  - b)** One's spiritual life will develop automatically once it has begun.
  - c)** Our responsibility in developing spiritual life is to respond to the work of the Holy Spirit.
  - d)** Christlikeness is the normal expectation of the new life.
  - e)** The kind of life God gives us determines what grows from it.
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## Spiritual Development Is God's Purpose

In Genesis 1:26–27 we observe that humans were created in God's image and likeness. We were made by God and were made like God. But this likeness to God was severely marred when the first humans fell into sin. Then, humanity became unholy and the image of God in humans was seriously distorted. God's activity in salvation concerns His plan to bring humans back into their original condition in the likeness of God. God warned the first man that sin would bring death and separation from Him. When man sinned, he died spiritually. But in Jesus we are given new life; we become alive spiritually. As that life grows and develops within, we begin the process of becoming increasingly like Him.

### ***Application***

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**2–3** Circle the letter of the correct answer for each question.

**2** What affect did the Fall have on humanity's original likeness to God?

- a) It remained intact.
- b) It was marred by sin.
- c) It has improved through the centuries.
- d) We do not know.

**3** What is God's purpose in man's salvation?

- a) To leave him alone
  - b) To make him miserable in his sin
  - c) To prove that he was wrong
  - d) To restore him to God's likeness
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## The Goal of Spiritual Development

Scripture indicates that God, in His eternal plan, has predetermined the outcome of those who receive His new life. God knows what we will be like once His work in us is completed.

## **Application**

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**4** Read Romans 8:28–29 and answer the following question. To what are those who receive new life in Jesus predestined?

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It is God’s intention that those who receive His life will develop. As they grow, the nature and character of God will be revealed in them and the likeness of Christ will be seen in their conversations, actions, and habits. Peter refers to this developmental process when he admonishes those with new life to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18).


**5** God has determined that those who receive new life in Christ are to become

- a)** equal to the angels in character, privilege, and glory.
- b)** a new humanity equal to divinity in every way.
- c)** progressively changed into the likeness of the Son of God.
- d)** perfect through an instantaneous experience.

**6** What does Scripture mean by the term become mature?

- a)** To attain to the whole measure of Christlikeness
- b)** To attend church services regularly
- c)** To discontinue certain social practices
- d)** To disassociate oneself from the physical world

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I once heard two boys playing together. They were discussing which one of them was bigger. Soon they stood up back to back with each other. Each stretched as much as he could, and they rubbed their hands over the tops of their heads to see who was the taller. One boy was delighted to prove he was the taller. But the other boy did not give up so easily. He said, “Just wait. When you get to be as big as your dad, and I get to be as big as my dad, then I’ll be bigger than you.” This boy grasped an important truth. He saw the prospects of growth. He had adopted a model he wanted to grow up to be like: his father. This illustrates what it means to attain to the whole measure of all that Christ is.

Periodically we do well to stand back to back with Jesus—to take spiritual inventory. While He may measure bigger and taller than we do, each time we measure ourselves by this standard we should see growth. We should be more like Him.

## The Task of Christian Nurture

The goal of spiritually growing Christians is to mature into the likeness of Jesus. As we allow the life of Christ within us to develop fully, we will become increasingly more Christlike. Because of the life of Jesus within us, we mature into His likeness, allowing His life to be perfected in us.

The task of those who would nurture Christian growth is to supply what is needed for healthy spiritual growth. Nurturing Christian growth concerns helping Christians grow in the Christ-life until His nature and character are revealed in their personalities.

The goal of mature Christians is not merely to produce people who possess proficient Bible knowledge and spiritual insights, but to help them live the new life to the fullest, as Jesus intended. The object of Christian nurture is to help people exemplify Jesus—to lead them into disciplined, growing lives in God with Jesus as the center of focus.

Whenever you engage in helping people grow spiritually and develop in Christlikeness, you are engaging in Christian nurture. This is a rewarding, practical ministry which is deeply anchored in God's design for humankind.

### ***Application***

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- 7** Circle the letter in front of the completion which explains best the task of the Christian nurture as defined in this section. The task of Christian nurture is helping people to
- a)** gain basic Bible knowledge.
  - b)** grow spiritually and to live to the fullest.
  - c)** acquire deep spiritual insight and become experts in the Law.
  - d)** discriminate between right and wrong behavior in their respective cultures.
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## MAKING PERSONS WHOLE

### The Christ-Centered Life

**Objective 2.** *Identify the role of Christian nurture in developing the whole life of Christians.*

Christian nurture concerns life because Christianity is centered in life. Christianity revolves around Christ, a person, the eternal Son of God, who is the source of all life. He gives His life to those who receive Him. Commitment to Jesus Christ begins with a response in simple faith to the gospel. This marks the beginning of new life. But this commitment involves a life of discipleship through the process of growth toward Christlikeness. In this process of spiritual birth and growth Jesus is, and increasingly becomes, the center of the Christian's total life experience. Through Christian nurture, growing Christians learn how to put Christ first in their lives, making Him the center.

### *Application*

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**8** The Christian life is centered around

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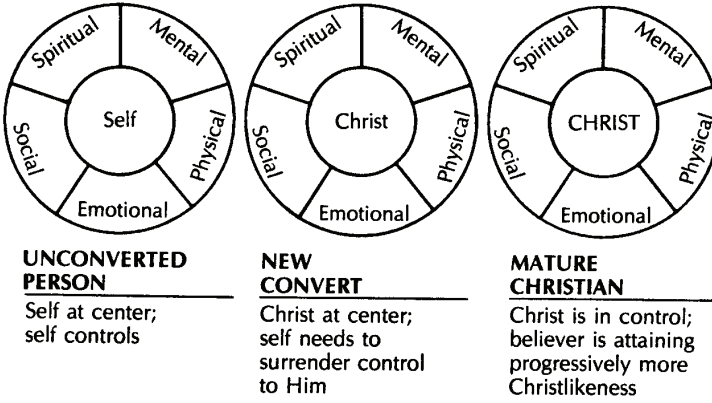
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Helping people make Jesus the center of their lives touches every aspect of human experience. When we think about the human person, we sometimes tend to divide the person into parts or areas of life, such as the mental, the physical, the emotional, the social, and the spiritual areas. While it is helpful to study human behavior from these different points of view, we need to remember that persons are whole beings and that they cannot be divided into small parts. Every area of life affects the others, and we respond to our surroundings as whole persons.

The Christian's relationship to God through Jesus affects every part of the person. Christ is at the center, and therefore should control every area. The more we grow spiritually and take on His likeness, the more He controls our lives.





## Application

- 9 Circle the letter in front of each TRUE statement.
- Each area of human life acts independently of all other ones.
  - The Christian's relationship to God affects every part of life.
  - Helping people make Jesus the center of their lives includes every area of the human life.
  - The more Christians grow spiritually, the more Jesus controls their lives.

## Role of Christian Nurture in Developing Whole Persons

The object of Christian nurture is to develop whole mature persons who are intellectually, emotionally, spiritually, and socially changed through their relationship with Jesus Christ. Those concerned with Christian nurture recognize the innate worth of each person, perceive the potential within every human being, and seek to develop this to the fullest for God's glory.

This concern for making persons whole in Jesus leads to discipleship which is expressed in obedience to everything Jesus commanded. The faith-response to the gospel leads to an

active, obedient love for the Lord Jesus. This is a love from the whole person—heart, mind, and soul—which yields control of all life to Him.

### ***Application***

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**10** All but one of the following statements describe how Christian nurture seeks to make persons whole in Jesus. Which one is NOT correct? Christian nurture seeks to develop the

- a)** intellectual potential of every believer.
- b)** emotional and spiritual capabilities of believers.
- c)** social potential of each believer.
- d)** political skills and competence of believers.
- e)** spiritual capacities of believers.

**11** If you agree that the role of Christian nurture is to produce whole persons, how will this affect your Christian nurture task? Write your answer in your notebook.

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## **The Role of the Bible in Developing Whole Persons**

In Lesson 1 you were introduced to the way the Bible helps nurture spiritual growth. God reveals himself in the Scriptures; therefore, they are the content of our study and learning. We do not study the Bible merely to gain knowledge for its own sake. The purpose of our learning is not to prepare to pass an examination but to prepare to live whole, Christ-centered lives.

The truth of God took on living expression in Jesus Christ. Since His life is within us, God should take on living expression in our lives. The Christian's total personality is to be transformed by the reality of God within so that the Christian's life is a faithful expression of the truth of God. As the Christian life grows within, there should be progressive transformation of the Christian's character, values, motives, attitudes, and conduct to conform to the personality of God as expressed in Jesus.

Second Timothy 3:14–17 identifies four uses of Scripture: teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. Notice that these four activities have one basic goal: the equipping of the man of God for every good work. The Scriptures are useful in preparing Christians to experience all that God wants them to become; we could say that the Scriptures are useful for making persons whole. If you want to grow spiritually, you should study the Scriptures; if you want to help someone else mature spiritually, you should help him or her study the Bible.

### ***Application***

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**12** Circle the letter of each TRUE statement.

- a)** The Bible contributes toward making persons whole because it provides the formula and measure for spiritual growth.
  - b)** The Bible places definite limits on spiritual growth and development.
  - c)** The Bible reveals God’s will for spiritual development and gives specific guidelines that will result in wholeness.
  - d)** The Bible presents a model of the truly whole person in Jesus.
  - e)** The goal of our Bible study is to develop a broad base of knowledge so that we can demonstrate our spirituality to others.
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Let us review what you have studied so far in this lesson. You have discovered that maturing Christians are growing in Christlikeness. It is God’s intention that those who receive new life in Christ mature so that the life of Jesus is increasingly revealed in them. You have also learned that maturity in the Christ-life involves becoming whole persons, yielding to His control in every area of life. You have learned that helping persons become whole, that is, Christlike, is the main task of those involved in Christian nurture. And you have learned that the Bible is essential to helping persons become whole. If you do not yet understand these concepts, review what you have already studied in this lesson before proceeding to the next section.

## STEP BY STEP

### The Goal of Christian Nurture

**Objective 3.** *Differentiate between intermediate goals and the ultimate goal of Christian nurture.*

As a baby grows, we expect the ultimate outcome of that growth to be adulthood—maturity. We recognize that the process of growth from infancy to adulthood takes time and patience. At each stage of development we expect the growing person to perform certain tasks, such as learning to walk in early childhood. The performances we expect at each stage of development are referred to as intermediate goals. They represent smaller objectives toward which one works en route to the ultimate goal of adulthood—maturity. Each of these intermediate objectives is worthwhile by itself, but each one is even more significant when viewed as a step toward the ultimate goal. Understanding this concept helps us take better care of developing people's needs. As the needs of each developmental level are met, we are helping the individual grow toward maturity.

### *Application*

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**13** Read 1 Corinthians 3:1–4 and 1:10–12 and compare these Scripture references with 1 Corinthians 1:2–9. Based upon the preceding section and the foregoing Scripture references, how can we justify Paul's use of words such as sanctified, holy, and grace when referring to people who had so many problems? Use your notebook for this answer.

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Spiritual life, once again, parallels the growth and development process in biological life. The maturing process initiated by the new birth begins with spiritual infancy. The ultimate goal of the believer's spiritual life is to be transformed into the likeness of Christ (Romans 8:29; 12:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18). As he begins his spiritual journey, he needs nourishment that will produce sound growth. He must develop a taste

for the milk of the Word (1 Peter 2:2). He thus learns basic requirements for wholesome spiritual development according to God's design. He learns to perform the tasks and demonstrate the behavior expected for his initial stage of development. He is, so to speak, learning to walk. As he develops an appetite for the Word and learns to apply its directions to daily life, his faith grows. He learns the nature of spiritual warfare by perusing the Word (Ephesians 6:10, 18) and by experience—through personal encounters with the enemy of his soul. As he relates to more mature believers, he learns that the secret of successful spiritual combat comes through prayer. His stature thus increases as he journeys onward, growing in the Word, his relationship with the Lord, and with fellow believers. Progressively, he takes on the image of Christ as he moves toward his ultimate goal. Developing a taste for the Word, engaging in consistent prayer, learning to discern truth and error—these are not learned all at once. Each bit of stature gained is an intermediate goal, but it is part of the overall or ultimate goal of developing Christlikeness.

Read the following summary definition through several times and commit it to memory. You will be required to demonstrate your knowledge of this definition on the self-test, as well as in the student report. More important, however, this summary will help you have a clear understanding of the ultimate goal of Christian nurture.

The ultimate goal of Christian nurture is to cultivate spiritual growth toward mature Christlikeness in all of life's experiences.

## **Application**

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**14** In differentiating between intermediate goals and the ultimate goal of Christian nurture, we can say most accurately that intermediate goals are

- a)** relatively unimportant parts of the ultimate goal.
- b)** important as ends in themselves.
- c)** smaller objectives to be reached en route to the ultimate goal.
- d)** the goals of individuals; whereas, the institution holds the ultimate goal.

**15** Write 1 in front of each statement which gives an intermediate goal of Christian nurture and 2 in front of those that represent the ultimate goal of Christian nurture.

- ... **a** Teach the new believer to read the Word of God and to base his life on its teachings
- ... **b** Teach believers the principles of spiritual growth that can change their lives progressively into the image of Christ
- ... **c** Teach the aspiring Christian principles of effective praying and how it helps build spiritual stature
- ... **d** Inspire believers to aspire toward spiritual wholeness so that when they stand before Christ they will be fully mature and lack nothing in Him
- ... **e** Teach believers the necessity of assembling together for the mutual edification of themselves individually and the body collectively

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## **Steps Toward Spiritual Maturity**

Read Ephesians 4:11–16. This passage indicates that growing Christians are to measure to the fullness of Christ. It also teaches that the mature Christian will properly identify with the body of Christ, the local congregation of believers, and will take an active role in the ministry of that body. With this


idea in mind, what steps or needs can be identified? Beginning with new life in Christ, what tasks need to be achieved en route to spiritual maturity?

## ***Application***

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**16** In your notebook write a list of steps you think a convert should take between spiritual infancy and spiritual maturity.

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In question number 16, I asked you to list what you think, so there can be no right or wrong answers. Here are six important steps following the reception of new life in Christ:

1. Orientation to living the new life
2. Integration into a fellowship of believers
3. Development of spiritual life
4. Discovering spiritual ministry gifts
5. Equipping for Christian service
6. Active involvement in Christian service


It helps me to think of these steps as a cycle which repeats itself. As you receive new life and develop to the point of active involvement in Christian service, others are led to receive new life and the process begins again. The following model pictures this cycle:

## ***Application***

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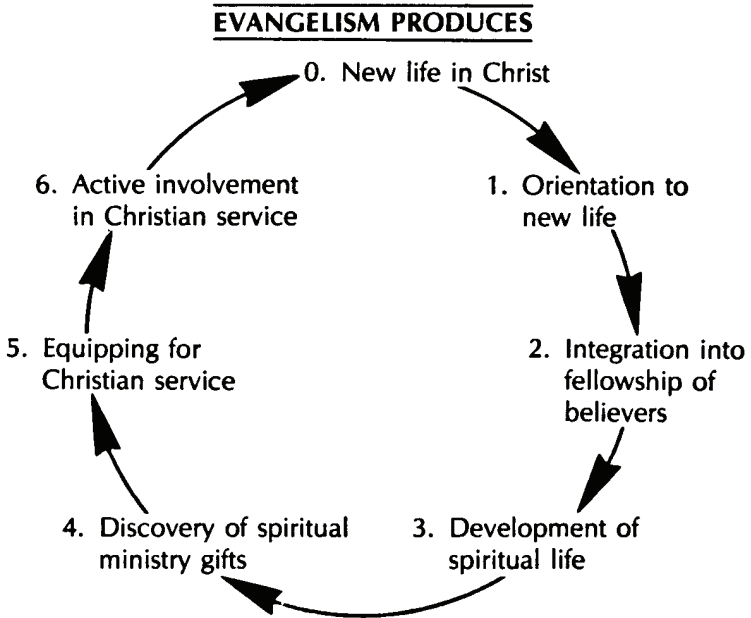
**17** In your notebook write this list and review it until you can list these six steps in order. Remember: the process of maturing is progressive; therefore, the stages tend to blend from one level to another. These six steps represent realistic categories that will help you plan Christian nurturing activities for those you are helping to grow spiritually. Using these steps you can move people from their present levels to the next higher levels and on toward active involvement as mature Christians.

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## Six Need Levels

**Objective 4.** *Identify the six need levels required for spiritual development.*



**A MODEL FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE DEVELOPMENT  
(A Pattern for the Christian Nurturing Ministry)**

To use these six levels of development to help someone grow spiritually, you need to be able not only to list them but also to understand them well enough to describe and apply them.

1. Orientation to the new life. New Christians undergo a whole change in way of life, attitudes, and values. They need assurance of salvation and need to receive the basic, elementary learning that starts them in the direction of development toward spiritual maturity. Often this orientation prepares them to declare their faith in the Christian rite of water baptism.



2. Integration into a fellowship of believers. All Christians are part of one body—the body of Christ. This body of Christ is expressed on earth in local fellowships of believers. The believer cannot mature properly without the relationships of this body; consequently, the body needs each individual to contribute his or her strengths and gifts for the body to be whole.
3. Development of spiritual life. New life needs continual nurture from God’s Word. Christians never outgrow the need for spiritual food, so we must embrace the value of personal Bible study and prayer. Our critical thinking skills are sharpened as we compare Scripture with doctrines taught.
4. Discovery of spiritual ministry gifts. God has given every Christian a gift or ability for ministry. It is important that each Christian exercise his or her gift in ministry for the development of both the individual and the local body of Christ. Christians who have not yet discovered their ministry gift may need to analyze their activities to see which ones bless the body of Christ and also bring them joy. Ministry to others and personal spiritual fulfillment can indicate their special ministry gift(s).
5. Equipping for Christian service. Once a person has discovered his ministry gift, he needs to develop it. At this stage of development, one should be available to do whatever tasks are needed in the Body. Also, one should do everything possible to learn how to develop and use his gift in service to his family, friends, acquaintances, and community. Being trained for Christian service shows willingness to do what God wants to promote spiritual growth, and it implies spiritual maturity.
6. Active involvement in Christian service. Receiving training for Christian service is valuable; however, it can be effective only if used in active involvement in the Lord’s work. Discovering opportunities for Christian service and using those opportunities for actual service for God are essential.

## Application

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**18** Match the name of each need level (right) with its appropriate description (left).

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| ... <b>a</b> | Must be incorporated into the body of believers; is strengthened by the body and adds fresh vision and vitality | 1) Orientation to new life       |
| ... <b>b</b> | Must be challenged to identify the specific talent God has given  | 2) Integration into fellowship   |
| ... <b>c</b> | Must be encouraged to discover and use opportunities to do the work of the Lord                                 | 3) Development of spiritual life |
| ... <b>d</b> | Must develop the specific gift or gifts with which God has endowed him for service                              | 4) Discovery of gifts            |
| ... <b>e</b> | Must be taught concerning Christian attitudes, values; needs reassurance of salvation                           | 5) Equipping for service         |
| ... <b>f</b> | Must be encouraged to evaluate the truths of God's Word, pray, and cultivate spiritual capacity                 | 6) Involvement in service        |

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## Christian Needs and Spiritual Maturity

You have discovered that the ultimate goal of Christian nurture is to cultivate spiritual growth toward Christlikeness in the whole of life's experiences. You have also discovered six needs to be met en route to this ultimate goal. Christian nurture should take these need levels into account and provide opportunities to help people grow from one level to another. Whatever the level of development, the ultimate goal should

always be in focus. We, then, can think of these six levels of needs as en route objectives for our work in Christian nurturing.

### ***Application***

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**19** The six steps which lead toward spiritual maturity relate to Christian education in the following way:

- a)** They are the center of focus and are the same as the ultimate goal.
  - b)** They are intermediate objectives which must be met en route to the ultimate goal.
  - c)** They may be used instead of the ultimate goal by those who are less gifted or motivated.
  - d)** They are ideals which need not be met as long as we keep the ultimate goal in focus.
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**self-test**

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- 1** Spiritual growth is a process which has as its ultimate goal the
  - a)** development of model citizens in each community.
  - b)** progressive development of Christlikeness in each believer.
  - c)** development of the believer's social conscience.
  - d)** change of believers from spiritual infancy to maturity by means of self-determination.
  
- 2** Spiritual growth involves the renewal in humans of
  - a)** their original likeness to God.
  - b)** the potential for growth their earlier ancestors possessed.
  - c)** the potential for immediate spiritual perfection.
  - d)** an intellectual capability of understanding more about God.
  
- 3** Which statement most accurately describes the relationship between spiritual maturity and Christlikeness?
  - a)** Spiritual maturity relates to time; Christlikeness relates to eternity.
  - b)** Spiritual maturity precedes Christlikeness, which develops more slowly.
  - c)** Spiritual maturity means to attain to the full measure of Christlikeness.
  - d)** Spiritual maturity is characterized by imperfection; Christlikeness is equated with perfection.
  
- 4** The nurturing task of Christian nurture primarily is helping people to
  - a)** develop appropriate ethical standards.
  - b)** become sensitive to various kinds of acceptable worship.
  - c)** have an adequate understanding of Bible knowledge.
  - d)** grow spiritually.
  
- 5** The role of Christian nurture in developing whole persons is best described as one which seeks to
  - a)** encourage each person to recognize his own worth.
  - b)** motivate individuals to good works to demonstrate their faith.
  - c)** develop the full potential of each person for God's glory.
  - d)** create in each person the capacity for positive thinking and action.

**6** The main task of Christian nurture is to help people become whole—that is, to

- a)** become Christlike.
- b)** be fully developed as natural human beings.
- c)** be aware of their perfectibility.
- d)** realize the limited nature of their potential but to develop this to the fullest extent.

**7** Considering the process of developing our new life in Christ to spiritual maturity, we realize that

- a)** the process of development is hard to define since the stages are so indeterminate.
- b)** the task of Christian nurture is difficult, since each person's spiritual development is unique.
- c)** each stage in development requires a fixed amount of time, if development is to be complete.
- d)** there are stages of development and levels of maturity.

**8** All but one of the following statements reveal the needs which must be met en route to Christlikeness. Which one does NOT represent these needs?

- a)** Orientation to new life and integration into a body of believers
- b)** Development of spiritual life and discovery of spiritual gifts
- c)** Realization of spiritual potential and development of whole self-concept
- d)** Equipping for and active involvement in Christian service

**9** The ultimate goal of Christian nurture, as presented in this lesson, is to

- a)** nurture the new believer until he becomes mature enough to stand alone.
- b)** cultivate spiritual growth in the whole of life's experience.
- c)** strive to produce whole individuals who are blameless in thought, word, and deed.
- d)** carry out the biblical command to "teach all nations."

**10** The six steps identified in this lesson as need levels are considered as

- a)** mechanical devices which are established to help set up the Christian nurture program.
- b)** arbitrary statements which describe the developmental process of spiritual life.
- c)** lower level objectives that may represent the ultimate goal for some people.
- d)** en route enablement that helps one move from infancy to spiritual maturity.

**answers to study questions**

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**10 d)** political skills and competence of believers.

**1** All but **b)** are true.

**11** Your answer. You probably noted that you will be required to broaden your efforts to help minister to the total person. Those who have received new life in Jesus should develop into better citizens, neighbors, husbands, wives, children, or parents. They will be more enlightened and compassionate as they develop into the whole persons their Lord wills them to be. At this point they will be much more conscientious about fulfilling their spiritual responsibilities than when they were just beginning their new life.

**2 b)** It was marred by sin.

**12 a), c), d)** are true statements.

**3 d)** To restore him to God's likeness

**13** Paul notes that the Corinthians are called to be holy. The new birth has sanctified them, that is, set them apart unto God. Their behavior demonstrates the grace of God that has so dramatically changed them (1 Corinthians 6:9–11). They have not become instantly perfect human beings, however. In their spiritual infancy they demonstrate childish behavior. In this milk-diet stage, they must be taught basic doctrines and handled with love, patience, and care. As they grow in grace and understanding, they will partake of stronger meat, an adult diet, of more advanced knowledge. They are called to be saints; the apostle encourages them to be what they are.

**4** Those who receive new life are predestined to be conformed to His likeness.

**14 c)** smaller objectives to be reached en route to the ultimate goal.

**5 c)** progressively changed into the likeness of the Son of God.

- 15 a** 1 Intermediate goal  
**b** 1 Intermediate goal  
**c** 1 Intermediate goal  
**d** 2 Ultimate goal  
**e** 2 Ultimate goal
- 6 a)** To attain to the whole measure of Christlikeness
- 16** Your answer
- 7 b)** grow spiritually and to live to the fullest.
- 17** Memorizing these steps now will enable you to do subsequent exercises more readily.
- 8** Jesus Christ.
- 18 a** 2) Integration into fellowship  
**b** 4) Discovery of gifts  
**c** 6) Involvement in service  
**d** 5) Equipping for service  
**e** 1) Orientation to new life  
**f** 3) Development of spiritual life
- 9** All but **a)** are true.
- 19 b)** They are intermediate objectives which must be met en route to the ultimate goal.