

BABYHOOD STAGE: Body (SOMA) Conscious. Babies are mostly concerned about getting the physical needs met. They cannot take care of themselves. They must be fed, clothed, protected, and nurtured. They frequently cry and need comfort and attention. They dirty their diapers. They fall down a lot while trying to learn to walk.

1. **IPE 1:23** having been **BORN again**, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,
2. **IPE 2:2** as newborn **BABES**, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
3. **MAT 18:3** and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, **unless you are converted and become as LITTLE CHILDREN**, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
4. **DEU 6:1** These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, 2 **so that you, your CHILDREN and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life**. 3 Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with **milk and honey**, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you. 4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 **Impress them on your CHILDREN**. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.
5. **1CO 3:1** And **I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people (pneumatikos) but as to carnal (sarkikos), as to BABES IN CHRIST**. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food (*meat = KJV*); for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; 3 for **you are still carnal (sarkikos)**. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, **are you not carnal and behaving like mere (natural) men?**
6. **1CO 14:18** I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; 19 yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue. 20 Brethren, **do not be CHILDREN (paidion) in understanding; however, in malice be babes (nepiazos), but in understanding be MATURE (teleios)**. 21 In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me," says the Lord.
7. **ISA 28:9** "Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just **WEANED FROM MILK? Those just drawn from the breasts?** 10 For **precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.**" 11 For **with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people**, 12 To whom He said, "**This is the REST with which You may cause the weary to rest,**" And, "**This is the REFRESHING**"; Yet they would not hear.
8. **JAM 1:17** Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from **the FATHER of the heavenly lights**, who does not change like shifting shadows. 18 **He chose to give us BIRTH through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.**
9. **REV 12:1** A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: **a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head**. 2 **She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give BIRTH.**
10. **ISA 1:18** "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. 19 **If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; 20 but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.**" For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
11. **ROM 6:1** What shall we say, then? **Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?** 2 **By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?** 3 Or don't you know **that ALL of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?** 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death **in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a NEW LIFE**. 5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. 6 For we know that **our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin**— 7 because **anyone who has died has been freed from sin**.
12. **HEB 5:12** For **though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need MILK and not solid food**. 13 For **everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a BABE**. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

CHILDHOOD STAGE: Self (PSUCHE) Conscious. Spiritual Children, like physical children, are immature. They are concerned mostly about their own interests, needs and wants. They are inconsistent, unsteady, often fail, and need encouragement and correction. Yet, they can learn quickly. They are very concerned about how others see them or what others think of them. They want to have the best "image", to dress right, speak right, and to be seen with the right people. Children sometime do not take criticism well. Often esteems things and earthly matters of more importance than spiritual or heavenly matters.

1. **GAL 4:19** **My dear CHILDREN, for whom I am AGAIN in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed IN YOU,** 20 how I wish I could be with you now & change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!
2. **1CO 4:14** I am not writing this to shame you, but to warn you, as **my dear CHILDREN,** 15 **Even though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your FATHER through the gospel.** 16 Therefore I urge you to imitate me.
3. **1TI 1:2** **To Timothy my true SON in the faith:** Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
4. **1JO 2:1** **My dear CHILDREN, I write this to you so that you will not sin.** But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
5. **1JO 2:12** **I write to you, dear CHILDREN, because your sins have been forgiven** on account of his name. 13 I write to you, **fathers,** because you have known him who is from the beginning. **I write to you, YOUNG MEN, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear CHILDREN, because you have known the Father.** 14 I write to you, **fathers,** because you have known him who is from the beginning. **I write to you, YOUNG MEN, because you are strong, & the word of God lives in you, & you have overcome the evil one.**
6. **NUM 11:11** He (Moses) asked the LORD, “Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? 12 **Did I CONCEIVE all these people? Did I give them BIRTH? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, AS A NURSE CARRIES AN INFANT, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers?** 13 **Where can I get meat for all these people?** They keep wailing to me, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ 14 I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me.
7. **HEB 5:7** **During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could SAVE HIM FROM DEATH, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.** 8 **ALTHOUGH HE WAS A SON, HE LEARNED OBEDIENCE FROM WHAT HE SUFFERED** 9 and, **once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him** 10 and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek. 11 We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. 12 In fact, **though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!** 13 **Anyone who lives on milk, BEING STILL AN INFANT, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.** 14 **But solid food is for the MATURE, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.**
8. **2TH 1:3** We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because **YOUR FAITH IS GROWING MORE AND MORE, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.**
9. **2PE 3:17** Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. 18 But **GROW in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.** To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.
10. **ACT 2:38** Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 **THE PROMISE IS FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.**”
13. **IPE 2:11** Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul (psuche),**
14. **JON 2:8** **“Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs.**
11. **PRO 3:11** **My son, do not despise the LORD’S DISCIPLINE and do not resent his rebuke,** 12 because **the LORD DISCIPLINES those he loves, as a FATHER the SON he delights in.**
12. **1CO 3:6** **I planted, Apollos watered, but GOD gave the increase.** 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but **God who gives the increase.**
13. **1CO 3:11** For **no man can lay a FOUNDATION other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.** 12 Now **if any man BUILDS upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,** 13 **each man’s work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire;** and the fire itself will test the quality of each man’s work. 14 **If any man’s work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward.** 15 **If any man’s work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.**

ADULT STAGE: God or Spirit (PNEUMA) Conscious. No longer children, but now mature sons and daughters. These individuals take responsibility in caring for, nurturing, and guiding babies and children. They are ADULTS. They are generally reliable, responsible, and steady. They are more concerned about others than themselves. They can see God at work even in the midst of trial. They can see through the difficulty to the victory on the other side. No longer tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. Walk by the Spirit & do not fulfil the lusts of the flesh. Are crucified with Christ. Reproduce themselves, producing new sons & daughters. Esteems spiritual & heavenly matters of MORE importance than earthly things & matters.

1. **EPH 4:11** It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, **12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up** **13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become MATURE (teleios), attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.** **14 Then WE WILL NO LONGER BE INFANTS (nepios), tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.** **15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we WILL IN ALL THINGS GROW UP INTO HIM WHO IS THE HEAD, that is, Christ.**
2. **DEU 6:1** These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to **TEACH YOU** to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, **2 so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands** that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. **3 Hear, O Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may INCREASE GREATLY in a land flowing with milk and honey,** just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you. **4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.** **5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.** **6 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.** **7 Impress them on your CHILDREN.** Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.
3. **1CO 13:11** **When I was a child (nepios), I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but WHEN I BECAME A MAN (aner), I put away childish things.** **12** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. **13** And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
4. **ACT 10:38** "how **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power,** who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.
5. **GEN 1:28** Then God blessed them, and **God said** to them, "**Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
6. **GEN 17:3** Then **Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him,** saying: **4 "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.** **5 "No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.** **6 "I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.** **7 "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.**
7. **GEN 8:22** "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."
8. **HEB 5:11** of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. **12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.** **13** For **everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a BABE.** **14** But **solid food belongs to those who are of FULL AGE, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.** **6:1** Therefore **let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to MATURITY,** not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, **2** instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. **3** And God permitting, we will do so.
9. **ROM 8:13** For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, **14** because **those who are led by the Spirit of God are SONS OF GOD.** **15** For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but **you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."** **16** **The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.**
10. **JAM 1:3** knowing that **the testing of your faith produces patience.** **4** But **let patience have its perfect work, that you may be PERFECT (MATURE) and complete, lacking nothing.**
11. **MAT 5:48** "Therefore **you shall be PERFECT (teleios = mature), just as your Father in heaven is perfect.**

Promises About Growing Up Spiritually

1. **JOB 17:9** Nevertheless, the righteous will hold to their ways, and those with clean hands will grow stronger.
2. **PSA 9:10** Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.
3. **PRO 4:18** The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. 19 But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.
4. **PRO 24:16** for though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought down by calamity.
5. **HOS 6:1** “Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. 2 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. 3 Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.”
6. **LUK 8:9** His disciples asked him what this parable meant. 10 He said, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, ”‘though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.’ 11 “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. 14 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. 15 But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.
7. **ROM 8:28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also PREDESTINED to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.
8. **2CO 4:16** Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary TROUBLES are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.
9. **PHI 1:6** being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
10. **PHI 3:12** Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, BUT I PRESS ON to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. 15 All of us who are MATURE should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. 16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained.
11. **COL 4:12** Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, MATURE (teleios) and fully assured.
12. **HEB 12:1** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. 4 In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. 5 And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, 6 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.”
13. **PRO 28:1** The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.