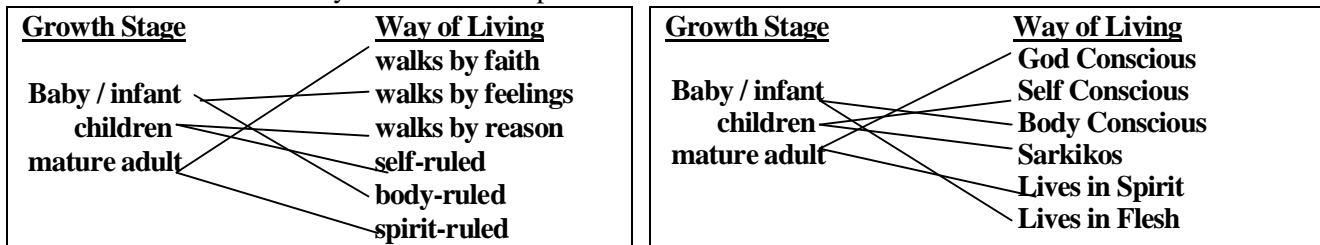


4-B Questions: Growing Up Spiritually

1. Match the **Spiritual Growth Stage** with the **Way of Living** in the columns below. Some words match more than once. One is already done as an example:



2. **Spiritual Babies** are predominately body (soma)-conscious. **Spiritual Children** are predominately self (psuche)-conscious. **Spiritual Adults** are predominately spirit (God)-conscious.
3. **The part of your trine being** that is 'self' or your 'personality' is the psuche (soul). The 'heart' in the Bible can refer to the human spirit or to a combination of the spirit & soul. The 'flesh' in the Bible is synonymous with the Adamic nature, the sin nature, the 'old man', or the unredeemed combination of our soul and body. The term 'flesh' can also mean human or animal tissues.
4. **EZE 36:26** "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. (NKJ)
 * **What** part of your triune being becomes **new** when you are 'saved'? my heart / spirit – which is the real 'me'
5. **PSA 23:3** He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. (NKJ)
ROM 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (NKJ)
6. **EPH 4:23** and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (NKJ)
 * **What** part of your being is **renewed** or **restored**? (Q2-3) psuche (soul), which is my mind, will & emotions
7. **ROM 8:13** For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the spirit **YOU** put to death the deeds of the flesh, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the spirit of God, these are **sons** (not children) of God. (NKJ)
WHAT are we to put to death? My flesh---the life & desires of the psuche & soma self – the 'old man'
WHO is to put to death the deeds of the body? I AM---(it's not God's job)
BY WHAT POWER are you to put to death those deeds? By the power of the Holy Spirit in my spirit
8. **GAL 5:24** Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (NKJ) **What part of our being are you to crucify?** My flesh---the self life of psuche & soma; the flesh goes on the cross !!
9. **ROM 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **YOU** present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (NKJ)
What part of my being does the Bible tell you to present as a '**living sacrifice**'? my body, as a living sacrifice
Who is to do the presenting? I present my body to God, who in turn sends the fire of the Spirit to consume the flesh (remember Elijah and the 400 prophets of Baal). Elijah put the flesh sacrifice on the altar—God answered by sending the fire from heaven to consume the flesh sacrifice. Putting my flesh on the altar is my consecration; God's answer by fire (of the Holy Spirit) results in my sanctification. If I do my part, God will do His part. The REAL God answers by FIRE to consume the FLESH. The false gods of Baal leave the flesh UNCHANGED!!
10. **ROM 7:5** For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. (NKJ)
What arouses sinful passions in our flesh? My every attempt to keep the law arouses and reveals the rebellion of the flesh within me, allowing me to bring this flesh to Christ
11. Write out **JOH 1:17**: For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (NKJ)
 Write out **JOH 3:6**: That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (NKJ)
12. **GAL 5:16** I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. (NKJ)
13. **1CO 15:56** The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (NKJ)
 * **Notice (Q7-10)** that it is God's **Law** that elicits sin and rebellion in the **flesh**. We then recognize sin in our being, and bring in to **Christ** (the **anointing** of the **Spirit**) for removal.

14. **1CO 6:16** Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a harlot is one body with her? For He says, "The two will become one flesh." 17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him. (NKJ)
Notice that we are one flesh or body with our spouse, but one spirit with the Lord.
1CO 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. (KJV)
15. **GEN 6:3** And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." 4 There were giants (Nephilim) on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. 5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (NKJ)
- Nephilim comes from the root Naphal which means to "fail, fall down, cast down, fall away". Who does this remind you of? Satan The spirits of these Nephilim may be the demons in the earth today!**
16. **NUM 13:32** And they spread among the Israelites a bad (evil) report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. 33 We saw the giants there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them." (NKJ)
17. Write out **JON 2:8**: Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. (NIV)
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. (NIV)
18. **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. (NIV)
19. **Write out PHI 1:6**: being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; (NKJ)
20. **Write out 1CO 13:11**: When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. (NKJ)
21. **HEB 12:1** Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged (faint = KJV) in your souls (minds = KJV). (NKJ)
22. **HEB 12:4** You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. 5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." (NKJ)
23. **IPE 2:2** as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, (NKJ)
How many times is the word "**overcomes**" or any variants found in Revelation? Read them. What are these references: 8 times; REV 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:26, 3:5, 3:12, 3:21, 21:7
 * Write out **1TI 4:8** For bodily (physical = KJV) exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. (NKJ)
24. **T F** The KJV word '**perfect**' in the New Testament can accurately be interpreted as '**mature**'.
T F There is a difference between being '**in Christ**' and Christ being '**in you**' in the Bible. When we are '**born again**', we are '**in Christ**'. The goal of our faith is '**Christ in you**'.
T F Those that are never disciplined by God are **NOT** His children, because God disciplines **ALL** those that are His. **Reference:** HEB 12:8
T F The end result of discipline by God is Holiness. **Reference:** HEB 12:10
T F Since **man is triune**, growth from baby stage through childhood and to mature adulthood can and should occur with all parts of our being, i.e. the **body (soma)**, with the **soul (psuche)** and with our **spirits (pneuma)**.
T F Physical growth and maturation requires plenty of food and exercise. **Spiritual growth & maturation** are exactly the same: **food** for the spirit man is the Word of God; **exercise** occurs when we act on the Word by faith.
T F After Paul received the revelation of the Gospel, he went to the Apostles and presented it to them for their judgment. **Reference:** GAL 2:1-3
25. **How** will you apply what you have learned in this lesson to **YOUR** life? Answer for yourself.