

Global Institute For Transformation® (GIFT) Spiritual Transformation Guide

(Review each Spiritual phase. Evaluate where you -- and those you know -- are today. Let this encourage our Spiritual growth.)

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| <p>Unaware of Jesus; His love for us; and the joy of living with Him.</p> | <p>Know about Jesus, but don't believe in Him as Savior. Missing out on the hope, love and joy of living in Christ</p> | <p>Profess faith in Jesus, but may not yet be living a righteous response to God's love. May not be experiencing and sharing the hope and joy of Christ's Lordship. May be weak witness</p> | <p>Know and appreciate God's love. Hopeful. Under Christ's Lordship. Filled with and led by the Spirit. Called to transform the world "Re-presenting" Christ to all.</p> |
| <p>Unaware of God's love, sacrifice, forgiveness, joy, peace, saving power and heavenly plan for us. Lacking hope. May lack access to effective Christian witness. May be from lands where preaching or receiving Christ is either not allowed or hindered by persecution. Could be seeing God in Creation and desiring Spiritual Communion; needing help.</p> | <p>May not accept sin, Satan heaven or hell exist. May believe all who are "good" go to heaven. May not know the only way to the Father -- the way to eternal life -- is through Jesus. May not be willing to trust Christ's selfless love, seek His forgiveness and pursue a right relationship with Him. May be pursuing other beliefs vs. being born again in Christ. May not have known true Christian fellowship to witness God's true love, grace, forgiveness, joy, peace, holiness and power. May be hindered by pure evolution teaching; bad personal experiences; worldly desires; or own interpretation of what God should be/do. May feel hurt, unworthy or even unforgivable, and separated from God; needing Christ's love.</p> | <p>Accepted Christ's saving grace and friendship, but may not realize friendship with Him entails living in a right relationship: Godly; loving; obedient; witnessing. May still seek approval from others vs. God. May lack commitment and devotion to God as #1. May boast in self vs. Christ; may not credit God for His provisions; may live self-centeredly. May not be content; may grumble; may covet. Heart may not be set on things eternal. Heart may not be fully directed by God/the Spirit. May not show the joy of being in Christ/Christ in us. May feel born again, yet may continue in willful sin. May not pursue regular communion with God. Cares of the world, deceitfulness of wealth and pleasures may choke from being fruitful. Has form of Godliness, but may not know its power. May be hurt or bitter; may not be truly forgiving. May engage in Church or communities for personal benefits vs. to further the kingdom and save souls. May accept sin vs. help to turn sinners from sin. May not yet be good stewards -- not investing time, treasures and talents in kingdom purposes. May be party to disunity and discord. May view faith as private matter and not witness. Could be what Jesus calls "ashamed" to profess. May succumb to persecution. May shrink back. May not show enough love/joy/holiness -- may be indifferent to others' suffering and Spiritual voids. May present poor witness -- even "blaspheme" God. May have yet to deny my self; pick up my cross; sell out; care for the needy. Not re-presenting Christ. May not realize we're called to transform the world.</p> | <p>Love and serve God: creator; provider; savior. Follow Christ vs. world. Walking His walk. Life has been transformed by God's love: died to self and sin; live for God and others. Love as Christ loves: selflessly; sacrificially; compassionately; deeply loving all. Know Christ, the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering. Rely on Jesus as Bread of Life; Living Water. Repentant. Serving in love vs. sinning. Led by Holy Spirit vs. sin nature. Eternal perspective/Holy Spirit drive actions. Prayerful. In the Word. Fasting. Forgiving. Godly. Loving. Obedient. Witnessing. Understand salvation is a gift from God but we're saved to do good works, save others. Faithful; victorious; joyful; peaceful; content. Aim to please God; seek justice; love mercy. Honor the gift of life. Honor marriage vows. Devoted to worship; thankful; praiseful. Humble; consider others better than self. Want equality/unity among God's children. Act out of heartfelt "pity" to address the condition of others: their material needs; their physical and emotional pain; and their lack of spiritual health/dying without Christ. Live out stewardship: time; talents; and treasures are invested in God's kingdom. Not ashamed -- excitedly share our hope. Accept persecution. Pray for persecutors. Encourage, comfort and urge others to live lives worthy of God. A letter from Christ! Fulfilling on our call to transform the world.</p> |