

Overcoming challenges in serving

Object Lessons in **Growth & Maturity**

2Peter 3:18



GROW IN GOD-FIDENCE NOT SELF ESTEEM

- **Rooted in being God's workmanship.**

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- **Lay aside every weight and sin.**

Hebrews 12:2 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.

- **PERSEVERE**



THE WEIGHTS AND THE SINS

Fear of

Failure

Success

Accountability

Commitment

Responsibility

Rejection
and criticism

Fear of people/men

Fear of change, new places



Sins of

Low self esteem or
inferiority

Pride and
overconfidence

Unrepentant sin
Selfishness

Anger, worry,
shame, anxiety

Timidity, Weariness,
fatigue, stress

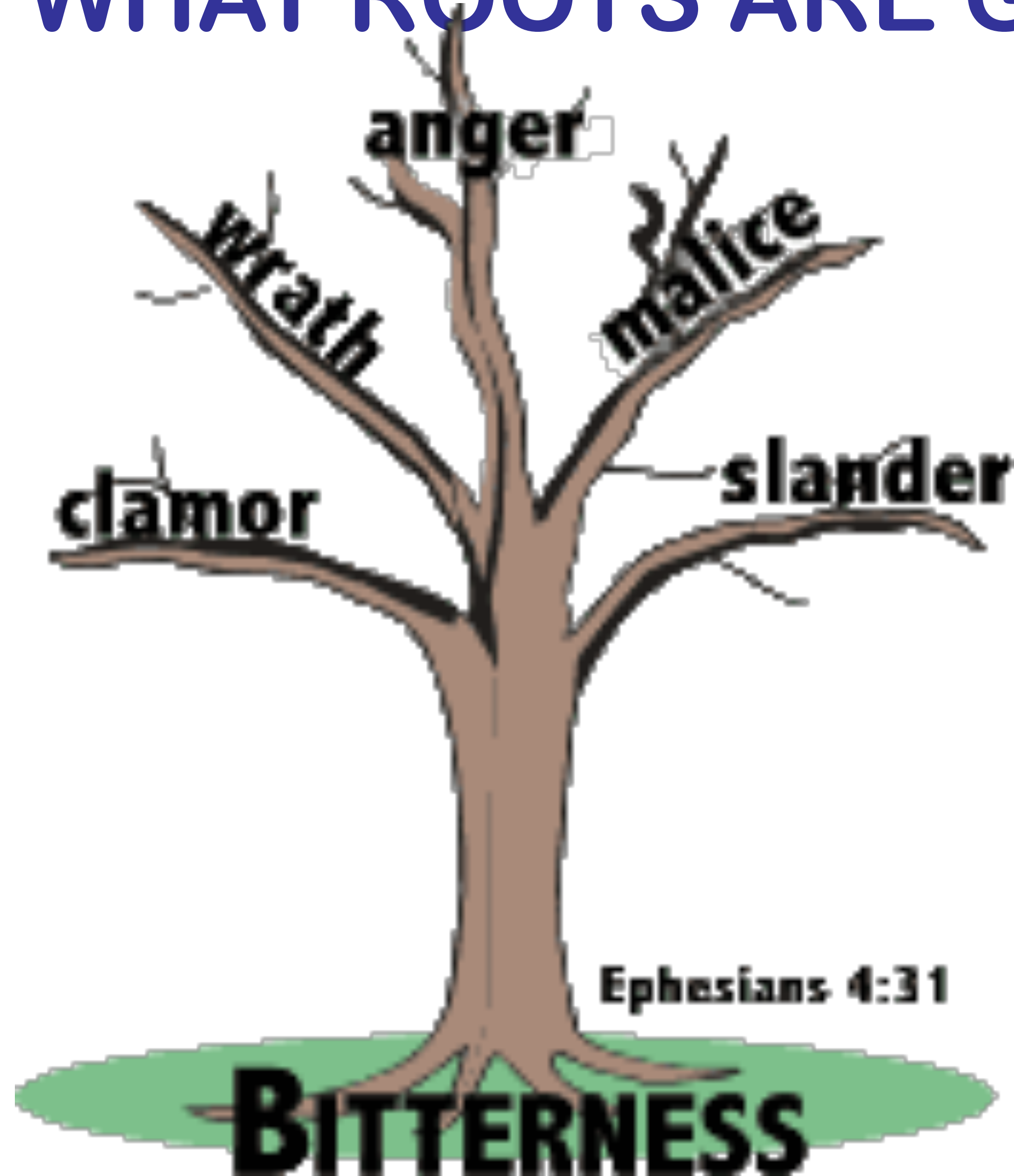
Resentment, frustration

GOING DEEP

- Why do people keep negative feelings inside them?
- Do you make progress with them?
- How do these negative emotions hinder me from serving as best as I should?
- How do you interpret events to yourself? Is there a life changing moment that happened in your life and what did it mean to you?
- Does that meaning agree with what God says in His Word?

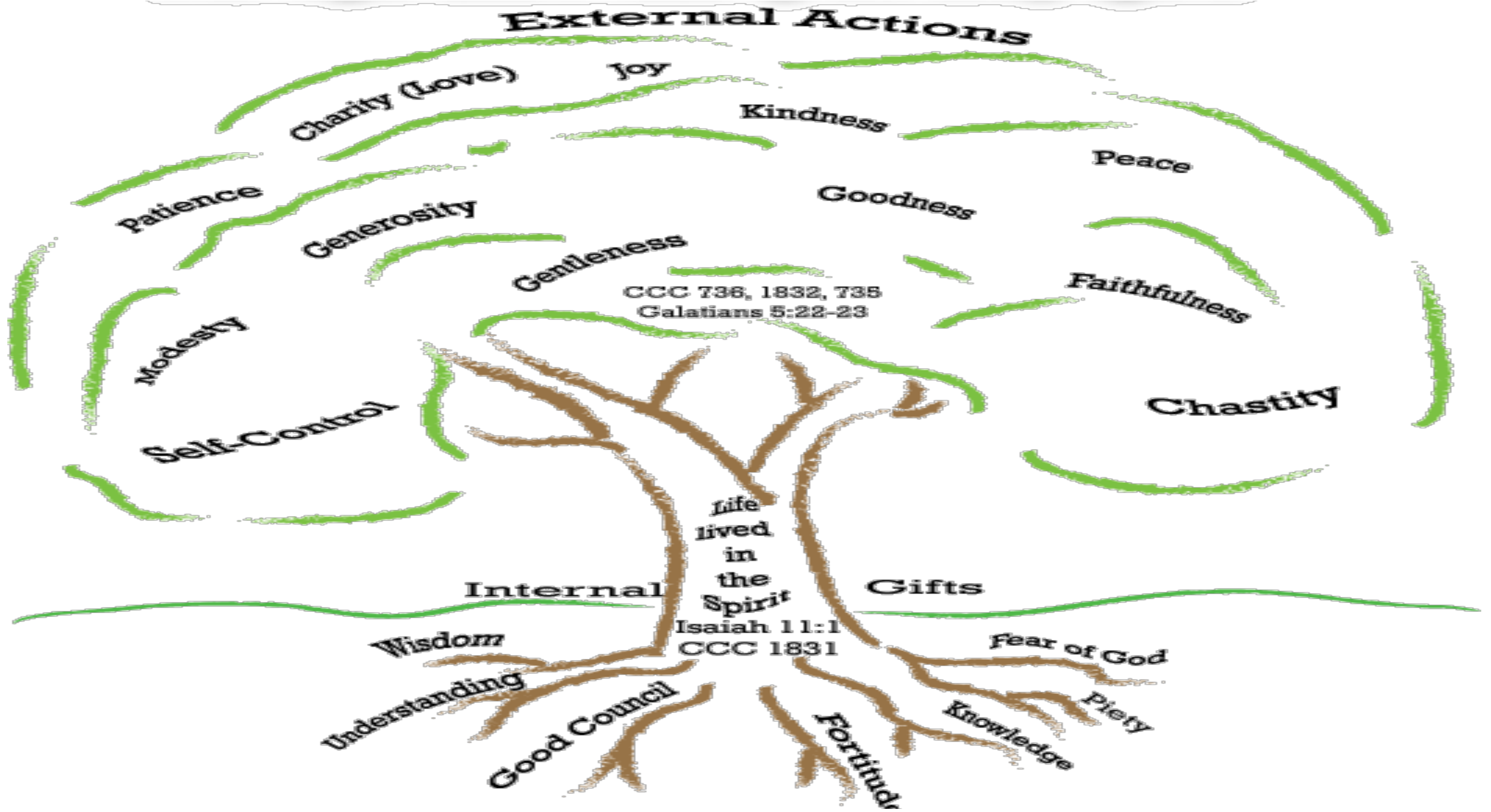


WHAT ROOTS ARE GROWING IN YOU?



- Bitterness is a result of clinging to negative experiences. It serves you no good and closes the door to your future.
- Compassion and forgiveness kills the root so the fruit of love can grow
- Be careful what seeds you allow to take root in the garden of your heart. Proverbs 4: 22

THE GIFTS AND FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



WHATEVER YOU DO, YOU ARE GROWING

- Lay aside all malice 1 Peter 2:1-2
- Put away all bitterness Ephesians 4:31
- Guard your heart
- Do not feed the root of bitterness. Hebrews 12: 15
- Feed on the sincere milk of the Word.
- Be compassionate
- The heart issues, and God looks at the heart
- Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Saviour

Growth

STAGES OF GROWTH TOWARDS BEING A CHRIST-CENTERED DISCIPLE

Exploring Christ

Growing in Christ

Close to Christ

Christ-Centred

Accept Christ
as Saviour

Willing to risk
everything
for Christ

Growth



- I believe in God.
- I'm not sure about Christ.
- Faith is not a big part of my life.
- Self is on the throne of my life.
- Christ is outside my life.

- I trust Jesus for eternal life.
- I've invited Christ into my life.
- I'm working on what it means to know Jesus.
- Self is still on the throne of my life.

- I feel really close to Christ.
- I regularly read the Bible.
- I try to obey God often.
- Self is still on the throne of my life.

- My friendship with Christ is the key part of my life.
- I try to surrender to Christ in all areas of my life.
- I try to let Christ be on the throne of my life.

CREATE YOUR OWN PERSONAL GROWTH PLAN

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