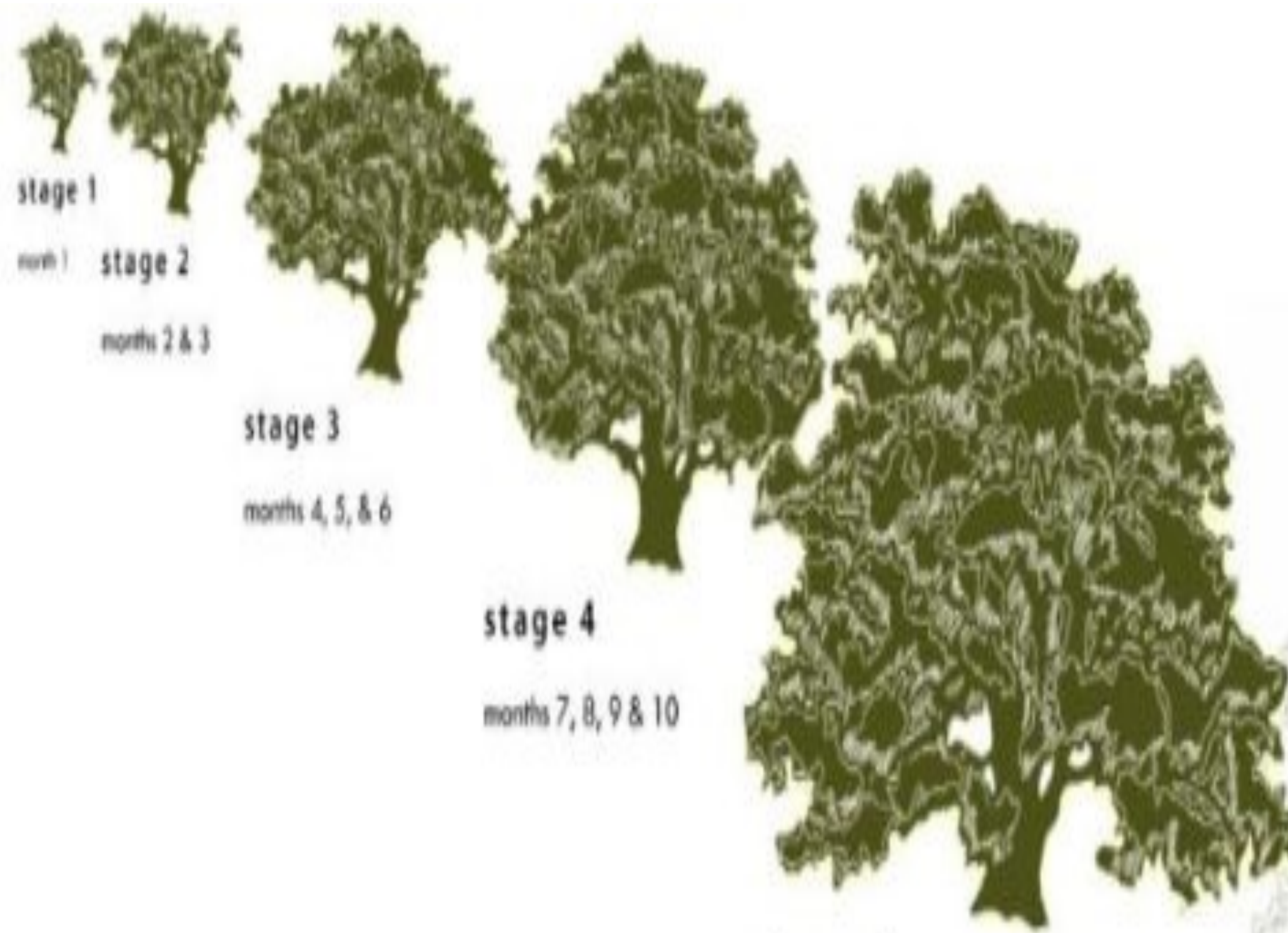


Stages of Christian Growth

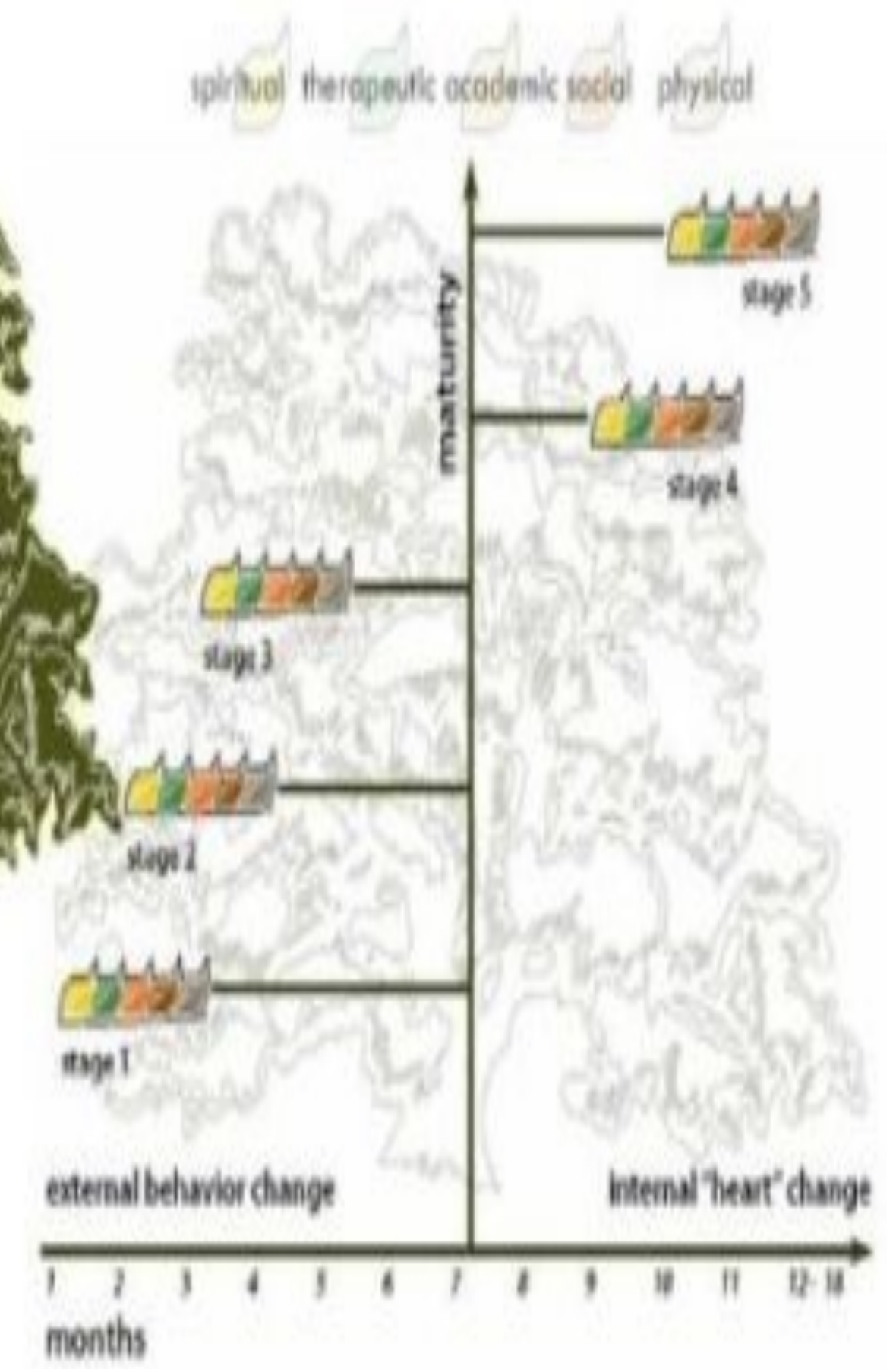
1 Peter 2:1-2



"For he will be like a tree planted by the water, that extends its roots by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes; but its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought nor cease to yield fruit."

Jeremiah 17: 7-8 NAS

stage 5
months 11 & 12

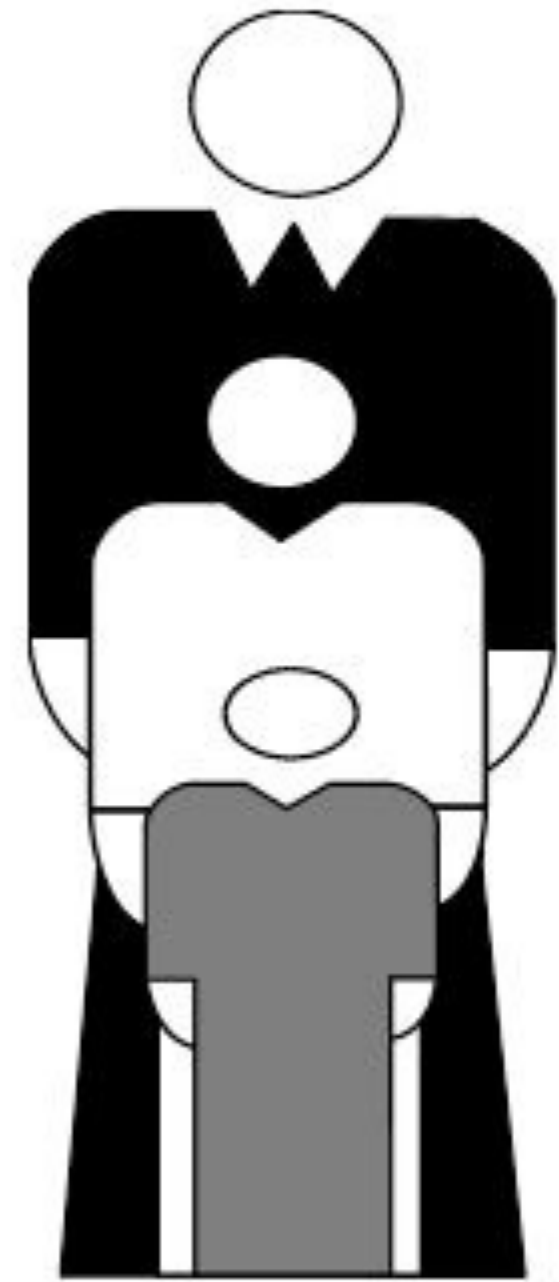


Object Lessons in **Growth & Maturity**

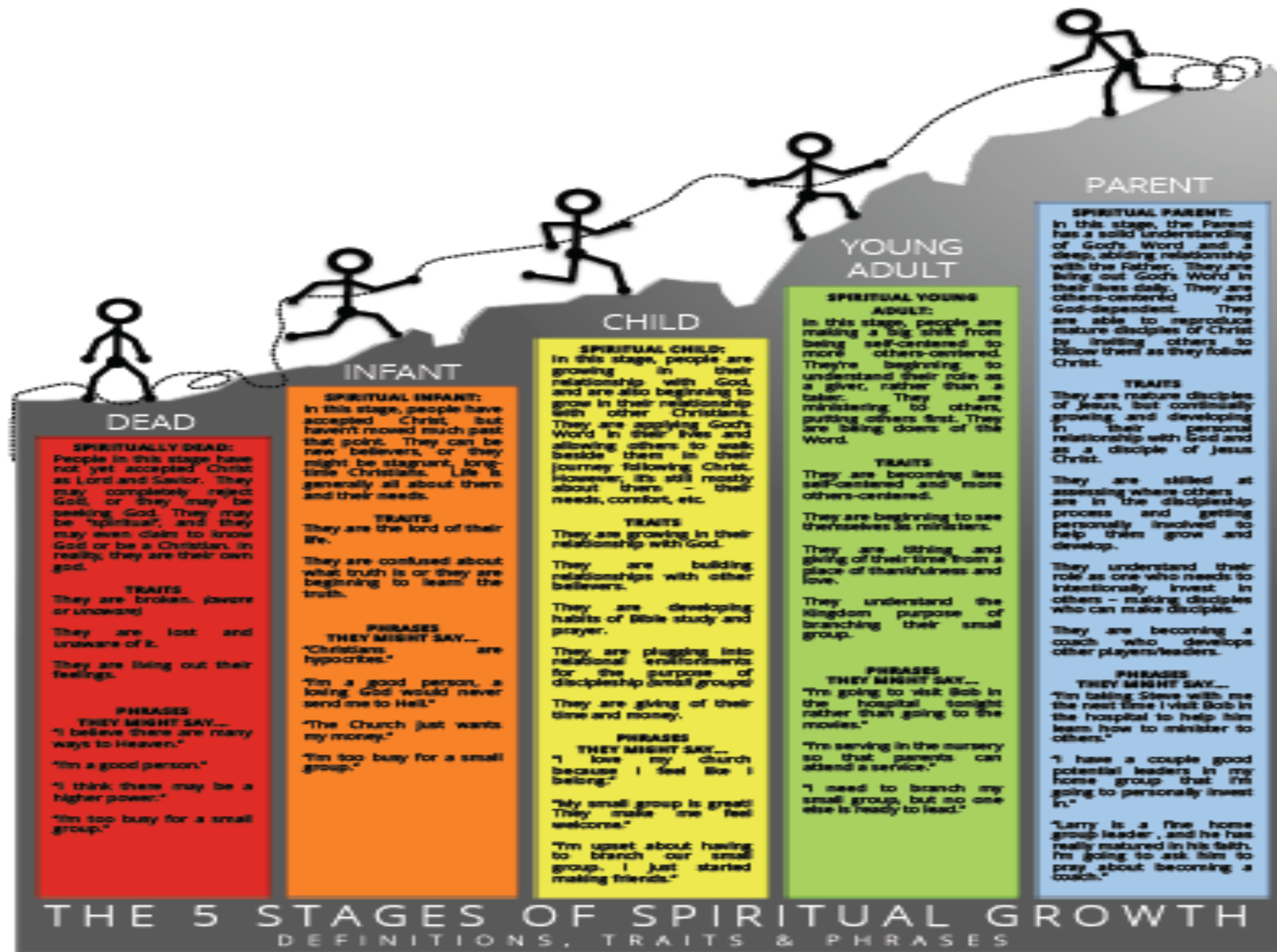
2Peter 3:18



Solid Steps of Christian Growth



A Study of 2 Peter 1:1-11



Stages of growth towards being a Christ-centred disciple.

Exploring Christ

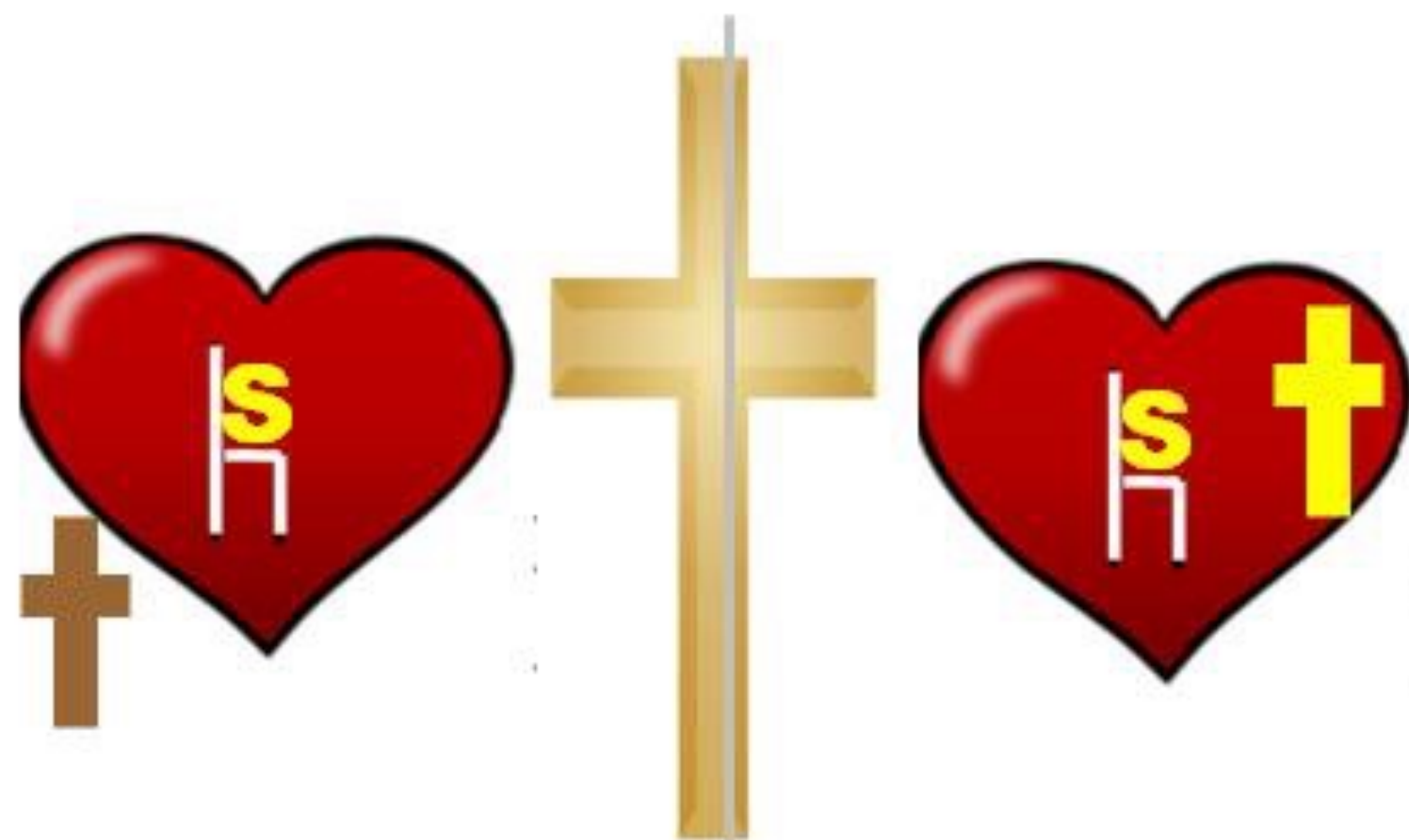
Growing in Christ

Close to Christ

Christ-Centred

Accept Christ
as Saviour

Willing to risk
everything
for Christ



- 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.

No Life	◆ Not a Christian.	Spiritually dead. Insensitive to God's presence and purpose.
New Life	◆ New Christian.	Not fully grown but the potential like a seed is all there.
Lots of Life	◆ Growing Christian.	He is sensitive and alert to the special life that is flowing through him. Evidences of life.
Doesn't nurture life	◆ Backsliding Christian	He sees no fruit and is living contrary with himself.
Ignores life	◆ Fallen away	A person who ignores the needs of his spiritual life. Perhaps he has even left the Christian faith.
Abundant life	◆ Mature Christian	A Christian who has consistently grown over a number of years. The growth is steady and the fruit is consistent.

