

DISCIPLESHIP STAGES

Level 1 – BABY (1John 2:12)
"Sins are forgiven"

DISCIPLE'S GROWTH & NEED

ROLE OF DISCIPLER

- *to know sins are forgiven
- *excited – want nourishment
- *not able to handle the "meat of the Word, but need Scriptural Input
- *need to know that the Holy Spirit in them is greater than he who is in the world (1John 4:4)
- *easily deceived and led astray (Eph. 4:14)

- *love them sacrificially
- *assure them of God's love
- *expose to love in Body of Christ
- *give basic knowledge about what their New Life is all about:
 - Position
 - Condition
 - MOG
- *protect from satan, discouragement, doubts, temptation
- *create a vision for their future role as a Christian

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Level 2 – CHILD (1Jn2:13b)
"You Know the Father"

<i>DISCIPLE'S GROWTH & NEED</i>	<i>ROLE OF DISCIPLER</i>
*In school for training in the fundamentals of Christian walk	*consistent, strong guidance
*accumulating head knowledge but it hasn't seeped down into the heart yet	*more is now required of disciple
*relatively helpless – needs protection	*discipline & accountability are introduced step by step
*grows fast but still deficient in spiritual understanding (2 Cor. 14:20)	*pay a lot of attention to disciple, spending much time
*servanthood is a prime quality to train into disciple (Phil. 2:22)	*help along with almost every step of growth
*discipline is important in order to learn obedience (Heb. 12:9-10)	*be an example that is godly
*develop awe (fear) of the Lord and worship Him (1 John 2:13)	*teach what it means to be a member of the Body and a servant
*spiritual humility nurtured (Mt. 18:1-14)	*identify long-term and short-term goals
	*choose materials & curriculum to implement the goals
*make strategic contributions to Body with whole heart (John 6:9)	*choose evaluation procedures to help decide whether goals are being achieved

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Level 3 – ADOLESCENT (1 Jn. 2:14)
"You are strong...","Word Abides In You."

<i>DISCIPLE'S GROWTH & NEED</i>	<i>ROLE OF DISCIPLER</i>
*load increased to develop strength	*coach disciple to develop strength and give responsibility
*give experience – chance to try, fall, try, fall and try again	*make the load a little heavier to push towards maturity
*give responsibility – to gain wisdom, applying truths learned (to avoid frustration of not being used	*keep the vision before disciple, encourage, challenge, plan for future
*maturing relationship with Christ which disciple wants and works at	*teach about spiritual warfare, satan, temptation, sin
*need to be dealing with sin areas (2Tim.2:22)	*emphasize importance of regular prayer –pray with disciple
*need to remain humble and have servant's heart	*evangelize with disciple, let them participate
*making more decisions on their own	*strategy to use time more effectively
*needs fulfillment of evangelizing and ministering to new believers	*evaluate disciple's growth with objective criteria
	*discern areas of need and meet them

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Level 4 – ADULT (1 Jn. 2:14)
"You Know Him"

<i>DISCIPLE'S GROWTH & NEED</i>	<i>ROLE OF DISCIPLER</i>
*maturing: takes on responsibilities and privileges which accelerate continued personal growth	*develop leadership ability
*relationship with Christ is top priority (Eph. 4:13,16)	*help disciple be a reproducer/fruit bearer
*nurtures and protects other Christians, especially younger believers	*develop in disciple an intense desire for closer walk with the Lord, with deeper commitment
*teacher of younger believers – what they need to know to grow in their relationship with God (Heb. 5:12/practice)	*be an apron-string cutter, i.e., dependence on the Lord, independent of you, inter-dependent on Body of Christ
*trainer, discipliner, holding Christians accountable and speaking the truth in love (Heb. 12, Eph. 4)	*work side-by-side with disciple, keep growing together, facing the enemy, encouraging one another (Heb.10:24, Eph. 6:18,19)
*responsible worker, serving, meeting needs, loving sacrificially, managing time maturely	*motivate disciple to make full use of gifts and keep moving towards maturity
*prayer and study of Word are central in life	*pray with disciple, sharing intimately, deeply, vulnerably
	*implement vision and add to it – motivate disciple to "stretch"