Spiritual Stages Scale

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God's Initiative	Christian's Responsibility		International's Response (Becoming aware of, and then more and more in love with, Jesus Christ)
Witness of the Spirit		+10	Vision for future ministry
	Ministry outreach	+9	Effective outreach to others
	T	+8	Development in Christian leadership
		+7	Growth in total stewardship
	I	+6	Recognition and use of spiritual gifts
	Christian fellowship	+5	Understanding and application of Bible doctrine
	Personal growth	+4	Growth in Bible study
		+3	Conceptual and behavioral growth
	T	+2	Adoption of Christian identity
		+1	Assurance of salvation
Gives spiritual life	Harvesting		Conversion: New Creation in Christ because received Him as Savior
Convicts Reveals Himself		-1	Repentance
	Cultivating and watering the crop Planting the seed	-2	Decision to act
		-3	Recognition of personal sin problem in relation to God
		-4	Positive attitude toward the Gospel
		-5	Understanding fundamentals of the Gospel
		-6	Positive attitude toward the God who has made Himself fully known only through Jesus [Biblical Monotheism: Christianity (but no personal relationship with Jesus)]
	1	- 7	Understanding that God made Himself fully known only through Jesus
	ı	-8	Belief in a Creator God with personal attributes but not belief in Jesus as God [Nonbiblical Monotheism: Judaism, Islam, some forms of Hinduism]
	Preparing the soil	-9	Belief in a spiritual reality but not in a single Creator God who has personal attributes [Monism, Pantheism, Polytheism: Hinduism (most forms); Jainism; Sikhism; Buddhism; Shintoism; Taoism; Zoroastrianism; Animism/Voodoo/Santeria; New Age; Native American religion; Wicca; Druidism; Gaia; Astrology; Mormonism]
_		-10	No belief in any spiritual reality [Secularism, Atheism, Agnosticism: Scientism, Neo-Darwinism, Marxism, Confucianism]