

How Mature Am I As A Christian? ... A Christian Growth Inventory A Tool To Gauge My Status as a Warrior in BPM

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Background:

Simple truth: Born-again Christians become more like Christ every day through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. As God’s word declares (2nd Cor. 5: 17 and Gal. 2: 20), becoming a Christian changes us from a pursuit of self to a head-long pursuit to abide in Christ (see John 15: 1-17). Therefore, transformation is inevitable for all who surrender their lives to God’s grace and Christ’s Lordship [see Phil. 1: 6].

As Christians, our standard bearer for life is Jesus Christ; and for one to become more like Christ, BPM gives you a tool to help measure your “Christlikeness” now or in the future. Using this instrument will help you see where you stand when compared to JESUS. Then you can develop an action plan to become more like our Lord ... day-by-day.

Instructions: Go to Appendix A ...

1. There are 10 dimensions to rate. A rating of “**10**” on any dimension would say that you’re just like Christ on that element. Of course, no one could ever be a “10;” but we can do our best to be a “9” on these dimensions.
2. Be sure to copy both Appendix A and B1&2; and keep the masters for future use.
3. Now, go to the first dimension on Appendix A ...
 - a. Read and study the scriptures for the first element (in this case, Eph. 4: 1,2 and Luke 4: 18).
 - b. Rate your current walk as a Christian (from 1 – 9) as to how worthy you feel your life in Christ is now. Is it complete, mature, disciplined, strong, etc. ... all of which would lead to a higher rating?
 - c. After rating yourself, if you’re led or convicted, add a note on what you might do to improve your walk (e.g., to add daily devotionals to your life or to deepen your prayer life – but that’s between you and God).
4. Repeat this process for all 10 dimensions.
5. When you’ve completed all 10, go to Appendix B1&2 and follow the directions there. If you need help in this rating process, you may want to consider finding a mentor or a strong Christian “coach” to help your discipleship.

Finally, be sure to take this passage from God’s word into account as you develop your personalized discipleship plan ...

- **James 1: 5** **If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, Who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.**

Appendix A: Discipleship Rating

Measuring Commitment and Growth in Battle Plan Ministry [BPM]

Name: _____

Date: _____

How do I know if BPM is having an impact on my walk in the Spirit and my discipleship? Well, rate yourself on the dimensions/outcomes below; and let God guide your answers. Perhaps He is leading elsewhere, beyond BPM ... perhaps you need more of what BPM offers? Let **Prov. 3: 5,6** and **Phil. 4: 6,7** guide you.

Rating of BPM Outcomes: See Comments below about ratings ...

- 10 = Christlike ... Completed ... Committed (fully)
- 0 = Satanlike ... Void ... Absence of Direction or Commitment

Rating	Spiritual Dimensions/Outcomes	What I Need to Do ... My Battle Plan?
	My current Christian walk/worship is worthy of Christ (Ephesians 4: 1,2 and see Luke 4: 18 for Christ's mission statement)	
	I have an intentional, disciplined, and ever deepening DAILY devotional life involving prayer and God's word (Luke 9: 23 and Mark 1: 35)	
	I am a fruitful Christian with all of God's spiritual fruit maturing in my life (John 15: 1 – 8 and Gal. 5: 22, 23)	
	I am fully armed for spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6: 10-17)	
	God's word is deeply planted in my heart and mind, allowing me to be spiritually successful in dealing with sin (Eph. 6: 17, Joshua 1: 8; and Psalm 119: 9, 11)	
	My Spiritual gifts are being used for God's glory in my daily witness/worship (Acts 1: 8; 1st Corinthians 12; and Romans 12: 1-8)	
	My life is a light of worship, shining for Christ, ... a "living sacrifice" for Him (Matthew 5: 16; Romans 12: 1, 2)	
	What I speak regularly reflects Christlikeness (Ephesians 4: 29; James 3: 3 – 12)	
	I have an intimate, abiding relationship with Christ, involving disciplined daily devotionals and a rich prayer life (again John 15: 1 – 17; 1Thessalonians 5: 17)	
	I have a personal ministry/mission to which I'm called by God's Spirit to serve His kingdom (again Matthew 5: 16 and Galatians 6: 9-10)	

Appendix B1: Discipleship Directions

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Worksheets For Growth

Instructions: Take your most current ratings on the **Commitment and Growth form [Appendix D1]** and honestly answer the questions below?

What are your three lowest rated indicators (from the **Dimensions/Outcomes** column)? For each one, what are **TWO things** you can do, that **God is leading you** to do, beyond prayer, to promote growth in each of the three weaker dimensions [see your “Battle Plan” column – expand it below]?...

1. _____
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. Another added later: _____

2. _____
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. Another added later: _____

3. _____
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. Another added later: _____

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Appendix B2. COMMITMENT TO ACTION ... Stop at this point and reflect on where you are now.

- **Are you really serious about undertaking this God-led, Spirit-driven growth program?**

If you answer **YES**, sign and date below and select a target date to go through the points surrendered above to grow closer to God and know your Savior.

Covenant Signature: _____

Today's Date: _____

What is the date (at least six months from now) when you'll repeat the rating? _____

Let your signature above carry over to these commitments – which will enhance the probability of success:

Every day during your discipleship emphasis ...

1. Pray unceasingly ... Use **James 5: 16b** and **Philippians 4: 6** as motivation to seek God in prayer
2. Stay in God's word day and night – memorize, recite, and meditate on **Joshua 1: 8** every morning
3. Tell someone, especially a spouse, of your commitment, ask them to encourage you and to hold you to regular progress reports; and above all ask your brothers/sisters in Christ to pray for you!
4. Inventory how you are doing, no more regularly than weekly, adding more "to do" elements to any of the three action areas (if needed)
5. **EVERYDAY** ... memorize and meditate on these scriptures:
 - a. **2nd Corinthians 12: 9** >>> b. **Philippians 4: 13** >>> c. **1st Corinthians 10: 13**

God wants you to grow – so get with your (well really, God's...) plan and **trust God!** (**Prov. 3: 5-6**)