

PASTOR'S CORNER

What Are the Five Stages of Spiritual Maturity?

As we have been learning about the discipleship which consists of the five stages of spiritual maturity since the first week of 2020. Today we will learn the third stage of this process during the sermon time.

Most People understand the concept of growth in the physical development of humans, and we know why it is important. Babies are immature physically and mentally, but we expect them to develop. If they don't, there is a problem. Spiritual growth is a similar concept but is far more important. Growth is development or improvement toward a goal called "maturity" (or, in the Bible, "perfection"). When one is "born again" as a child of God, he is spiritually immature. As time passes, he should develop the qualities or abilities, which the Bible says, characterize the mature. Many Scriptures describe the need to grow and mature spiritually:

Ephesians 4:14,15 NLT: *"Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church."*

2 Peter 3:18: *"but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."*
2 Thessalonians 1:3: *"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other."*

Here is the summary of the five stages of spiritual growth. First, there is a spiritually dead stage. People in this stage have not yet accepted Christ as Lord and Savior. They may completely reject God, they may be seeking God, they may be "spiritual", they may even claim to know God or be a Christian, when in reality, they are their own god.

Second, this stage is called Spiritual infant stage. People in this stage have accepted Christ but haven't moved much past that point. They can be new believers, or they might be stagnant, long-time Christians. Life is generally all about them and their needs.

Third, this stage is called Spiritual child stage. People in this stage are growing in their relationship with God and are also beginning to grow in their relationship with other Christians. They are applying God's Word in their life and allowing others to walk beside them in their journey following Christ. However, it's still mostly about them – their needs, comfort, etc.

Fourth, this stage is called Young Adult stage. People in this stage are making a big shift from being self-centered to more others centered. They're beginning to understand their role as a giver, rather than a taker – ministering to others, putting others first – being doers of the Word.

Fifth, this stage is called Parent stage. People in this stage have a solid understanding of God's Word and a deep, abiding relationship with the Father. They are living out God's Word in their daily life. They are others-centered and God-dependent. They are able to reproduce mature disciples of Jesus by inviting others to follow them as they follow Christ.

I hope and pray that we all will make a **"NEXT STEP"** Plan for 2020. Are you going to make one? May God bless you all!

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Pastor Sereivudh Ly, D.Min.

OFFICERS' SCHEDULE

DUTIES	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Presider	Andrew Skytte	Lowen Tenerife
Deacons	Jezreel Aure, Joey Vizcarra, Roland Ranin, Anthony Villanueva, Bernie Lagazo, Hector Lospe, Wil Nepomuceno	Jezreel Aure, Eduardo Balance, Hector Guzman, Medel Hongo, Richard Caguioa, Generoso Oabel, Jerry Santander, Tony Bernardo
Deaconess	Ma. Linda Lucrida, Juliet Cruz, Trisha Garalde, Clarita Guzman, Melida Licao, Evangeline Pallas, Sarah Repizo & Judee Torrecampo	Malou Glipo, Melcah Basit, Emese Cocosila, Vandy Ly, Aurora Primero & Judy Ranin
Fellowship Lunch	Group 4- V. Lagazo & R. Caguioa	Group 5- A. Jordan & R. Esmana
Disposal	Bernie Lagazo, Hector Lospe, Wil Nepomuceno	Eduardo Balance, Hector Guzman, Medel Hongo
Nurses	Merly Tamdang & Glenda Rivera	Dahl Docil & Joey Vizcarra
Open/Close	A. Glipo & J. Delos Reyes	R. Ramel /Nimrod
Sunset	5:47 PM	5:56 PM

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

- 1:30 p.m. – Prayer Ministry
- 1:30 p.m. – Sabbath School Superintendent Meeting at Multi-Purpose
- 1:30 p.m. – Children's and Adult Choir Practice
- 1:30 p.m. – Safety/Security Maintenance Team Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. – Second Congregation – Speaker: **Pastor Sheldon Imperio**
- 3:00 p.m. – Pathfinders/Adventurers

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 16 | Food Bank @ 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 22 | Church Board Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.

MARCH

- 1 | Stages of Discipleship one-day Training @ 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- 7 | LAT Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
- 13 | (OC) PF Basic Staff Training

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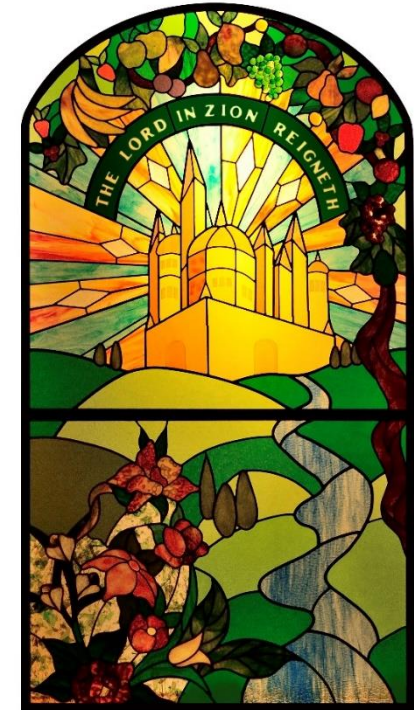
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Seventh-day
 Adventist™ Church
 Mount Zion Filipino



Church Vision:

"Be a church of Loving and Forgiving Ambassadors of God"

Church Mission:

"To REACH everyone in our community with the Christ-centered Message of Hope and Wholeness"

February 15, 2020

Sabbath School 9:15 am | Divine Worship 10:50 am | Second Service 2:30 pm
 Mid-Week Prayer 7:30 pm on Wednesdays | Vespers Meet 7:30 pm on Fridays

Song Service		Praise Team
	“The Lord Is My Light” SDAH#515 “Give Me The Bible” SDAH#272	
Welcome Remarks		Merly Tamdang
Opening Song	“Trust And Obey” SDAH#590	Congregation
Scripture Reading	Daniel 6:4, NKJV	Darren Caguioa
Opening Prayer		Melros Caguioa
Mission Story		Video Presentation
Special Music		Kaela Geuel Ramel
Special Feature	Humans amidst Principles of Conflict	Merly Tamdang
Lesson Review	“From the Lion’s Den to the Angel’s Den”	By Classes
Closing Song	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” SDAH#100	Congregation
Closing Prayer		Ashton Soogrim

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE:

“So the governors and the satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him”
(Daniel 6: 4 NKJV)

CHORISTERS: Cyhrel De Luna and Team
PIANIST: Aser Tamdang

FAMILIES FOR PRAYER

THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
Frias , Noel & Betty	Gallano , Pacita & Gerry
Frias , Benjamin, Christine, Audrey, Luke & Sloane	Gamez , Jay, Judy, Jessica & Justin
Frias , Suzette, Frenielle, Fritz & Frian	Gania , Judith
Frias , Freddy, Joanna, Arista & Nathaniel	Ganzon , Belle
Frias , Nathan	Ganzon , Ryan, Rose, Kina & Parker
Gabionza , Manuel, Menchu, Meryll & Manyile	Ganzon , Reggie, Rosalyn, Melia & Taiya
Galaites , Ernesto & Emma	Garalde , Alfredo, Trisha & Henri

Prelude		Pianist
Welcome & Announcements		Andrew Skytte
Call to Worship*		Andrew Skytte
Introit*	“We Have Come Into His House” CH#224	Congregation
Invocation*		Pastor Sereivudh Ly
Children’s Welcome Song		Children’s Choir
Children’s Story		Ryan Docil
Songs of Worship	“The Wonder Of It All” SDAH#75 “Oh How I Love Jesus” SDAH#248 “Tell Me The Old, Old Story” SDAH#196*	Praise Team
Scripture Reading*	Philippians 2:3-4	Glaiza Guzman
Call to Prayer	“This Is Holy Ground”	CH#138
Intercessory Prayer		Teresita Gorospe
Prayer Response	“Hear Our Payer, O Lord”	SDAH#684
Stewardship Video		
Offertory Reading & Prayer	Offering: Local Church Budget	Matthew Dann
Offertory Music		Pianist
Introduction of Speaker		Andrew Skytte
Message in Song		Maharlika Pathfinders
Message from God’s Word	Pastor Sereivudh Ly <i>Lead Pastor, Mount Zion Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church</i>	
	“THE FIVE STAGES OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY- SPIRITUAL YOUNG ADULT”	
Song of Dedication*	“Like Jesus” SDAH #492	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor SereivudhLy
Song of Affirmation	“I’ll Tell The World”	CH#348
	Praise Team Lead: Alona Alba & Team Pianist: Ina Laureles Organist: Sharon Dela Cruz	

*Congregation stands

What is your NEXT STEP? (Spiritual Journey Plan)

- **MID-WEEK PRAYER**
Join us for Mid-week Prayer on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- **FRIDAY EVENING VESPERS**
Please join us on February 14, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m. for Vespers. Please invite your family members and friends to come. Pastor Sheldon Imperio will cover a series for the month of February. You do not want to miss it.
- **MOUNT ZION AFTERNOON CONGREGATION**
Join us every Sabbath afternoon at 2:30 pm for a fresh way to grow in your faith and to connect with other genuine and caring people in a CARE Group setting.
Speaker: Pastor Sheldon Imperio **Topic:** A Healthy Church
- **SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT MEETING**
All sabbath school officers are requested to meet after potluck around 1:30 p.m. at the Multipurpose Hall to discuss and make recommendation/decision about sabbath school program content, superintendent tools, participants, attendance & offering promotion, etc.
- **KINGSWAY COLLEGE’S ANNUAL PREVIEW WEEKEND**
Kingsway College is holding their annual Preview Weekend Open House on April 24-26, 2020. Find out about what Kingsway College has to offer! Students from grades 8-11 and their families are welcome to join us for this FREE weekend. Register now at www.kingsway.college/preview or call 905-433-1144 ext. 211.
- **2019 TAX RECEIPTS ARE READY FOR PICK UP**
Please see our Associate Treasurer(s) at the lobby and introduce yourself as they may not know all of you. The top portion (green background) is your Official Tax Receipt for submission with your Income Tax Return, if needed. The bottom portion is yours to keep that summarizes all your giving for the year through AGO, POS and/or Tithe envelopes. You may want to assess your tithe amount (representing 10% of your increase / income) and your offerings and compare them to your increase/income for the year. This will show how faithful you are in your giving to the Lord. "Try me" says the Lord and see how the windows of heaven opens up for blessings you cannot imagine. The church leadership THANK YOU for your faithfulness and hope that year 2020 will be another fruitful and bountiful year for you and your family. If you have any questions, please see any of the Treasury Team.

Please submit all materials for bulletin no later than midnight every Monday to bulletin@mtzion.ca. This deadline will be strictly adhered to.

CHURCH FINANCE

LOCAL CHURCH FUNDS	Month			Year-To-Date		
	Actual Income	Actual Expense	Surplus (Short)	Actual Income	Actual Expense	Surplus (Short)
Comb Ch Budget	11,468	19,952	(8,484)	11,468	19,952	(8,484)
Others	8,749	2,700	6,049	8,749	2,700	6,049
Total MZFC Funds	20,217	22,652	(2,435)	20,217	22,652	(2,435)

Year-To-Date Budget Comparison	Conference Funds			Local Church Funds		
	YTD Actual*	YTD Plan**	Variance Fav/(Unfav)	YTD Actual	YTD Plan**	Variance Fav/(Unfav)
Tithes /Ch Budget	47,350	58,740	(11,390)	11,468	13,217	(1,749)
Other Income	2,539	2,901	(36)	8,749	11,314	(2,565)
Total All Funds	49,889	61,641	(11,752)	20,217	24,531	(4,314)

*Actual Funds remitted to the Ontario Conference.
** Church Budget approved by the Church on Dec 29, 2018.