# Building Up The Mind Of The Body Of Christ 建立基督身體的心志

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### Three Questions 三個問題

▶Why do we go to Scripture? 我們為什麼要讀 聖經?

▶Who is it for? 這是為誰準備的?

▶Where is the starting point? 哪裡是起點?

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箴言 Proverbs 1:2





## "To know wisdom and instruction…" "要使人知道智慧和训诲…"

ESV: <sup>3</sup> to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; 使人领受智慧的训诲、仁义、公平、正直;

NIV: 3"for receiving instruction in prudent behavior doing what is right and just and fair," "為了獲得紀律和智慧的生活,行事正直、公平和公義。"

"right conduct and right relationships – within the community."

正確的行為和正確的關係 — 在社區內.

"2 ... to understand words of insight." ...分辨通达的言语.

"6 to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles."

"使人明白箴言和譬喻,懂得智慧人的言辞和谜语。"

## Who Is It For? 這是為誰準備的?

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箴言 Proverbs 1:4-5











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YOUNG

**ADULT** 

SPIRITUAL YOUNG

ADULT:

In this stage, people are making a big shift from

being self-centered to

They're beginning to understand their role as

a giver, rather than a

ministering to others, putting others first. They are being doers of the

TRAITS

They are becoming

less self-centered and

more others-centered.

They are beginning to

. They are tithing and

giving of their time from a place of

thankfulness and love.

They understand the

PHRASES

"I'm going to visit Bob in

the hospital tonight

rather than going to the movies."

I'm serving in the nursery so that parents can

attend a service."

"I need to branch my

small group, but no one else is ready to lead."

THEY MIGHT SAY...

Kingdom purpose of

branching their small

ministers.

group.

see themselves as

others-centered.

They are



### INFANT SPIRITUAL INFANT:

In this stage, people have haven't moved much past that point. They can be new believers, or they might be stagnant, longtime Christians. Life is generally all about them and their needs.

DEAD

TRAITS

They are broken

They are lost and

They are living out their feelings.

THEY MIGHT SAY.

group'

- . They are the lord of
- They are confused about what truth is or they are beginning to learn the truth

### PHRASES THEY MIGHT SAY. \*Christians are hypocrites."

"I'm a good person, a loving God would never send me to Hell.\*

The Church just wants my money."

"I'm too busy for a small

### SPIRITUAL CHILD:

In this stage, people 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 lives and allowing others to walk beside them in their journey following Christ. However, it's still mostly about them - their needs, comfort, etc.

- They are growing in their relationship with
- are building relationships with other
- They are developing habits of Bible study and prayer.
- They are plugging into relational environments for the purpose of discipleship
- They are giving of their time and money.

### THEY MIGHT SAY...

"I love my church because I feel like I belong." 'My small group is great!

They make me feel welcome." "I'm upset about having

to branch our small group. I just started

### SPIRITUAL PARENT:

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

### TRAITS

- They are mature disciples of Jesus, but continually growing and developing in their personal relationship with God and as a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- They are skilled at assessing where others
- are in the discipleship process and getting personally involved to help them grow and
- They understand their role as one who needs to intentionally invest in making disciples who can make
- They are becoming a coach who develops other players/leaders.

### THEY MIGHT SAY ...

"I'm taking Steve with me the next time I visit Bob in the hospital to help him learn how to minister to

"I have a couple good potential leaders in my home group that I'm going to personally invest "Larry is a fine home

group leader, and he has really matured in his faith. I'm going to ask him to pray about becoming a coach."

### 靈性成長的五個階段

靈性死寂



disciple-free-resource-download/

靈性嬰兒.





靈性父母

https://jimputman.com/2018/06/04/the-5-stages-of-growth-for-a-

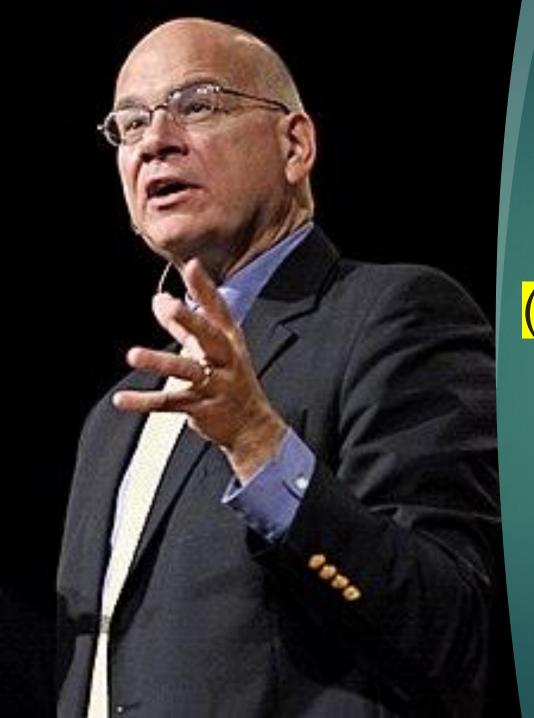
THE 5 STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

## Where Do We Start? 哪裡是起點?

## "<sup>7</sup> the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge ..."

"敬畏耶和华是知识的开端, 愚妄人藐视智慧和训诲。"

箴言 Proverbs 1:7



### **Timothy James Keller**

(September 23, 1950 - May 19, 2023)

"When we go to the Old Testament, where the term 'fear of the Lord' is very common, we come upon some very puzzling usages. Often the fear of the Lord is linked with great joy. Proverbs 28:14 tells us that 'Happy is the one who feareth always.' How can someone who is constantly in fear be filled with happiness? Perhaps most surprising is Psalm 130:4, where the Psalmist says, 'Forgiveness comes from you – therefore you are feared.' Forgiveness and grace increase the fear of the Lord. Other passages tell us that we can be instructed and grow in the fear of the Lord (2 Chronicles 26:5; Psalm 34:11), that it is characterized by praise, wonder, and delight (Psalm 40:3; Isaiah 11:3). How can that be? One commentator on Psalm 130 puts it like this: "Servile fear [being scared] would have been diminished, not increased, by forgiveness ... The true sense of the 'fear of the Lord' in the Old Testament [then] ... implies relationship" – Tim Keller

當我們查閱舊約時,會發現"敬畏主"這個術語非常常見,但其用法有時令人困惑。敬畏主往往與大喜樂聯繫在一起。箴言 28:14 告訴我們:"常常敬畏的,便為有福。"怎麼可能一個常處於恐懼中的人會充滿幸福呢?也許最令人驚訝的是詩篇 130:4,詩篇作者說:"赦免乃出於你,因此你被敬畏。"赦免和恩典增加了對主的敬畏。其他經文告訴我們,我們可以在敬畏主中接受教導和成長(歷代志下 26:5;詩篇 34:11),敬畏主的特徵包括讚美、驚奇和喜悅(詩篇 40:3;以賽亞書 11:3)。這是怎麼回事呢?一位詩篇 130 的評論者這樣說:"奴隸般的恐懼[害怕]會因為赦免而減少,而不是增加……舊約中'敬畏主'的真正意義[因此]……暗示了關係。"——提姆·凱勒

## Conclusion 結論



