



8 Steps to Spiritual Maturity Thought-Provoking Questions

The purpose of the questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible, this Bible study content and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader; or used by a Bible study group leader or church pastor. The following questions should be answered or discussed after reading "8 Steps to Spiritual Maturity."

There are two types of questions: lesson and opinion. Lesson questions (preceded by a number) are provided an answer. Opinion questions (preceded by an Ⓢ) are designed to enhance learning via the determination of opinions and/or discovering how the lesson content illuminates our personal lives. As such, no answers are provided

Questions (Do your best to respond to each lesson question before looking at the answer.)

1. What is the interdependence (relationship, connection) between each of the steps?
2. What is the first step? Why is it the first step?
3. What happens to a person when they are born again: in faith accepts Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?
4. Who teaches the born-again Christian?
5. Can we earn our way to Heaven (by doing good deeds)?
6. Define self-control.
7. What strengthens perseverance?
8. Jesus was a living example of godliness. Six attributes were listed. Can you identify 3?
9. What are some of the attributes of kindness?
10. What is the highest level of spiritual maturity, and what is the source?
- Ⓢ Which of the 8 steps have you reached? What is required to go to the next step?

Answers

1. Page 2: Each step supports the above steps, and each step provides a means to go to the next step.
2. Page 4: Faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Hebrews 11:6.
3. Page 6: They:
 - Are transformed on the inside: "All things become new." 2 Cor 5:17.
 - Receive a new heart and a new spirit. Ezekiel 36:26-27.
 - Become more aware of their sin.
 - Experience virtue: increasingly make decisions based upon integrity, honesty and moral values.
 - Will begin to learn to trust, let go, and let the Holy Spirit direct their lives.
 - Will begin to experience guilt and remorse when they sin.
4. Page 6: The Holy Spirit
5. Page 6: No. We are saved by God's grace and faith. It is a gift of God and not works. Ephesians 2:8-9
6. Page 7: Actively deny the demands of the flesh by making free will decisions to seek and obey the Holy Spirit.
7. Page 8: Life's challenges and tribulations. When we realize...all we can do is place our faith in God.
8. Page 9: Servant, compassionate, humble, understanding, obedient, forgiving.
9. Page 10: Doing things for others for His glory, and without expectation of a return.
10. Page 10: Agape Love. The Source is God's grace (not receiving what we deserve) due to His Son, Jesus Christ.