

Development Phase Selected: Growing

You selected the statement, "I am daily seeking to apply the teaching of Scripture to my own life."

You are well on your way to discovering amazing personal transformation as you continue to grow your faith through becoming more like Jesus.

Through the exploration of the Scriptures, you have discerned how Jesus would have you live life based on his teachings. But more than just discerning, you have engaged the Word so that it is forming the way you do life. As you continue this process, you will discover more and more that you are seeing the world and engaging the world from a very different perspective. This is evidence of the working of the Holy Spirit in your life to form and transform you into the likeness of Christ. In Wesleyan terms, this is called Sanctification and is an experience of God's grace at work in you.

What's Next?

First of all, we encourage you to keep on doing what you've been doing. The movement toward maturity is a continuing process. For most of us this is a lifelong process. In a sense we never actually 'arrive,' but we do continue to grow.

It's the journey that is important. The more we discover about ourselves and about whom God wants us to be, the more we come to understand that we still have room to grow.

One of the most helpful things we can do to continue in this discovery process is to engage in some form of accountable discipleship. This could be in a small group setting with other maturing disciples who covenant to journey together. You may also find a structured relationship with a discipleship coach or a spiritual director to be helpful.

You might also begin to explore a variety of ways to engage the Scriptures so that the teachings become clearer to you and easier to visualize as applicable to your life. For example:

- Theological Bible Study
- Reflective Bible Study
- Praying the Scriptures
- Guided Meditation on the Scriptures
- SOAP Method - a journaling tool
- The Journalist's Approach to Scripture

Suggested Resources

If you like to read and study for personal development, we suggest the following resources:

- Thinking Like Jesus, by George Barna
- Maximum Faith, by George Barna
- The Divine Conspiracy, by Dallas Willard
- Foundations, by Phil Maynard