## **Spiritual Development Blueprint**

There are six primary stages of development for every new believer in Jesus Christ. The nurturing leadership will prepare as many lessons as the stages requires. Each stage will have its own set of rewards and opportunities Acts 2:41-47

Stage One - Spiritual Babes 0-6 months: Need Nurturing

- Needs Love
- Needs spiritual mentoring
- Needs consistent care

Stage Two – 6mons – 18months: Training

- Learn to feed and motivate themselves
- Training in areas of evangelism, family, life issues
- Use coaches heavily for <u>assured compliance</u>

Stage Three  $-1\frac{1}{2}$  - 3 years: Need Identity

- Direction and spiritual goals
- <u>Less</u> mentoring
- Develop ministries to use all talents
- Give them <u>vision</u> and life goals
- <u>Consistency</u> is mandatory
- <u>Study habits</u> are regular
- Focus on <u>character</u> discipline

## Stage Four – 3yrs – 5years: Need Independence

- Need to be <u>challenged</u>
- Need to be <u>respected</u>
- Should be increasingly spiritual minded
- Given more <u>responsibility</u>
- Accept more <u>Accountability</u>

## Stage Five 5 years – 15 years: Maturity

- Need to have more <u>impute</u>
- Need to become <u>voluntary Mentors</u>
- Learn not to murmur or such like
- Faithful, trusting and encouraging
- Hospitable
- Require opportunities/<u>lead ministries</u>

## Stage Six - 15 years and up: Wisdom

- Looked to has <u>respected</u>
- Apply their <u>experience</u>
- Maintain <u>influence</u>
- Require forum
- Need well defined forum for <u>leadership</u>
- Useful for fulltime <u>experienced ministries</u>