

## Followers of Christ Continuum

Many believe in Jesus, even those who hated Him (James 2:19).  
We ought to examine our belief to ensure we are growing closer to God (2 Cor. 13:5).

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[ — — — — — Inward Authority Training — — — — — ]

Observers	Seekers with the crowd	Seekers beyond the crowd	Trained in Righteousness
Believe in Jesus	Believe in Jesus	Believe in Jesus	Believe in Jesus
Attend church of curiosity, invitation from friend, fun, like the message, good music, donuts and coffee, networking for business, etc.	Because it is good and right. The Bible tells me to. Be nice.	Daily seeking the will of God and do it with increasing measure. Asking challenging questions & taking new action.	Seek the will of God and do it with increasing measure. Share inward experiences. Lead groups by example.
Know the good that ought to be done, but don't do it. Learn, but don't do.	Friends, family, community. Do what others do. Look right.	Confess sins, repent, restore wrongs, purify heart, and cleanse conscience.	Daily correction & redirection.
Self-seeking, pride, bitterness, people pleasing, gossip, etc.	Follow rituals, traditions, ordinances, go through motions.	Seeing spiritual good and evil others do not see. Know the will of God and share experience in doing it.	Explain spiritual principles and how they work.
Single & ready to mingle.	Keep the status quo. Stewardship. Don't rock the boat.	Become a leader in the group. Speak spiritual correction and walk in it.	Live humbly and simple. Grow in love toward God and others. Live by spiritual principles.
Webb's Depth of knowledge level 1 (D.O.K.)	D.O.K. levels 1 & 2	D.O.K. levels 1- 3	More righteousness than the Pharisees.  D.O.K. levels 1- 4

## **Let's go deeper and teach deeper.**

### **Confession - humbly in contrition admit wrongs with readiness to repent**

Shallow levels/Faith without works - Define confession, identify where it is used in the Bible, understand how to do it, listen to others talk about the experience, learn information about it.

Tasting experience - Confess a few things. Give attention to the heart and mind. Learn what happens.

Deeper levels - Confess every secret and wrong. Use your mistakes to help others. Help others with confession. Listen to others confess. Feel forgiveness, give forgiveness. Experience the process of purifying the heart and cleansing the conscience.

### **Repentance - Take action to right self with God, abide in the doctrine of Christ**

Shallow levels/Faith without works - Define confession, identify where it is used in the Bible, understand how to do it, listen to others talk about the experience, learn information about it.

Tasting experience - Do a good you don't want to do. Do it a few times. Give attention to the heart and mind.

Deeper levels - Practice repentance. Experience and learn the thoughts, fears, self-deception, and humbling of self involved with repentance. Learn the results in relationships through the practice of confession and repentance. Learn through experience what loving your enemy does within yourself and your enemy. Speak truth you know is right, but are afraid to say. Tell on yourself because it is the right thing to do. Know through experience what "I shall not want" feels like (psalm 23). Trust God more than anything or anyone, where all you need is God. Experience being content in difficult situations, because you are with God.