

Continuum of bible awareness

This is an imperfect brief example of how some progress in their bible awareness. The point to take away from this example is that there is definite observable progression.

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Don't Know there is a bible	Know there is a bible and have seen one.	Hear about the bible from others. Spend time around others who read the bible and talk about it. Listen to sermons or teachings about the bible.	Read the bible. Learn how to be objective. Begin eliminating personal bias in reading the bible. Look up definitions of terms and study footnotes. Join a group that studies the bible. Make corrections in personal understanding and participate in constructive criticism. Use other books and theology to understand the bible.	Begin thinking about life activity using illustrations from the bible. See how the stories in the bible relate to our lives. Begin attempts of practicing what the people in the bible instruct others to do. Pray for a better understanding of what God wants us to do and the willingness to do it. Spend more time around others who are doing what the people in the bible instruct others to do. Examples: confess, repent, serve, love, forgive, mercy etc.	We see how our understanding fits with the bible and where it does not making adjustments to better align ourselves with God. Begin to see benefits from better aligning ourselves with God's character described in the bible. Meet with others to process confusion. Misunderstandings, and to improve to grow in God's character. Humble ourselves and seek God's grace daily.	Having practiced Godly character through perseverance and endurance we begin to mentor others. Continue developing God's character sharing the process with others we mentor guarding against pride, fear, anger, selfishness, and dishonesty. We demonstrate actions which produce the fruit of the spirit and speak about God's character daily. We pray often for direction and God's peace, love, mercy, truth, and patience.	We help others through the mentoring process. We teach others about the bible from a humble position the meaning in the stories and parables through our personal experiences. We seek God's peace and love regularly in all our activities seeing how we can be more intimate with others while demonstrating God's peace and love.	We realize God's love and peace everywhere within us and around us. We become able to bless others frequently with the grace of God flowing through us. We become a living example of the bible providing real life evidence of God's goodness, righteousness, peace, and love. Others become influenced by such grace to follow our example.