

Passing the Baton 4: Stages of Growth



Introduction

Illustration of the chain. We normally are helped/ mentored/ disciplined by many. Think about your own life. Parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers, friends, books, etc.

We are never the whole “chain” in a person’s life, and that should not bother us in the slightest. It’s all about being a servant, not a star.

1. Growing up in Him

Ephesians 4:14-16 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, *even* Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

In groups: What does it mean to grow up in Him?

2. Stages of Growth

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Original diagram by John Ridgeway, Navigator missionary in Southeast Asia

