

Book of Acts Church Core Ministries

Spiritual Growth Through the Word Seminar

Spiritual Growth through the Word Ministry Objectives:

Elevate and emphasize the importance and power of the Word!

In addition to the pulpit ministry, emphasis should be placed on continued study of the Word at the individual level (new convert to mature saint).

➤ **Spiritual Growth Cycle:** Teaching foundational spiritual growth concepts. Three key spiritual growth concepts include:

- **Relationship with God** (upward focus).
- **Transformation of the Inner Man** (inward focus).
- **Dominion in the Harvest field & Battlefield** (outward focus).

All of these working and driven by the love of God.

The term “cycle” is used here with “spiritual growth” because it emphasizes the need for repeated actions that bring increased levels and depths of spiritual growth and maturity.

➤ **Continued Study and Education for Everyone Through the Pursuit of God’s Word:** Elevate and emphasize the importance and power of the continuous study of God’s Word (not just reading) for spiritual growth. “*Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might sin against thee.*” (Ps. 119:11)

Teaching and training one-on-one, classroom, and media. Proactively maintain and review training records for everyone attending the church.

To expand our vision for the size of the end-time harvest we must expand our capacity to teach many people. This would involve a curriculum of continuing study and learning that includes everyone from the new convert to the mature saint. This would include teaching via media vs. complete dependence on a live teacher / student setting. This is used effectively in corporate and academia environments for just-in-time training.

Physical and digital libraries could be the key to bridging the gap created by the demand of a mega end-time harvest that is so large it will transcend the supply of experienced teachers. Our vision is for:

- Everyone to be a student -- being disciplined.
- Everyone to be a teacher -- discipling someone.
(e.g. If not teaching, then sharing media Bible lessons with someone.)

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Primary Seminar Subjects:

- **Relationship with God:** Man sharing a mutual relationship of love, communication, and trust with God, as a son of God, a friend of God, a servant (love slave) of God and as the bride of Christ.
- **Transformation of the Inner Man:** Dominion over sin and self (the will, mind, and emotions). Less of my will, mind, and emotions (limited love) and more of God's will, mind, and perfect love. Continuous change from glory to glory.
- **Dominion over Satan and Sickness:** God sharing His authority and power with man, as a son of God, in a partnership to fulfill His purpose and work on earth. This involves dominion over Satan and sickness. God and man dominion roles include: Great Physician / physician; Great High Priest / priest; Great Commander / soldier; King of Kings / prince; Lord of the Harvest / harvester.
- **Perfect Love (Agape):** Love is the only acceptable motive for doing anything for God: *“Though I have all spiritual gifts . . . give all my goods to the poor . . . give my body to be burned, and have not love, I am nothing”*. It is the foundation and driving force for everything that is meaningful and lasting in the Kingdom of God.

Optional Subjects:

- The Three Dimensions of a Christian (Act like Christ, React like Christ, Duplicate the Ministry of Christ).
- God Will Do a New Thing.
- Restoration of the Church.

Note: The seminar agenda will be developed with the hosting pastor's input regarding dates, times, topics, and any additional speakers.

Media Provided for the Seminar

Media Resource	Spiritual Growth Through the Word Seminar	Comments
Book	Becoming a Book of Acts Christian Spiritual Growth Cycle	A free e-copy of this book may be downloaded from the website.
Charts	PowerPoint charts for the seminar	PowerPoint charts may be downloaded from the website.

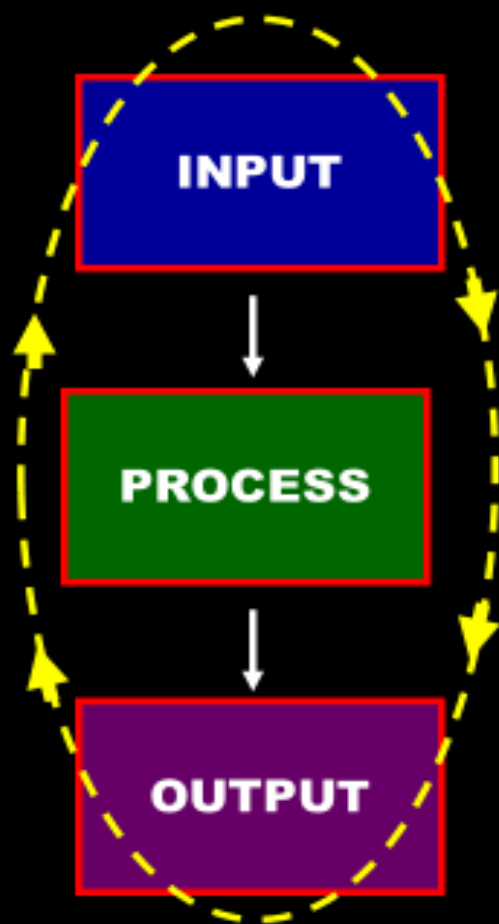
Note: Bible study media (DVD's, CD's, books, online computer-based courses, tracts, articles, etc.), particularly from apostolic authors. The power of these tools is that someone else has spent hundreds and sometimes thousands of hours researching and compiling this material. There is a behind-the-scenes teacher who has done a significant amount of studying for someone, giving them a head start for their own studies.

Refer to the overview charts on the following pages.

Chart 1
Spiritual Growth Cycle
Emphasized at the Individual Level

Physical Life

Every living thing is involved in and sustained by three functions: input, process and output. Even a computer program is defined by these three basic processes.



Spiritual Life

Likewise the life of a Christian revolves around these three processes redefined as:

- **Relationship**
- **Transformation**
- **Dominion**

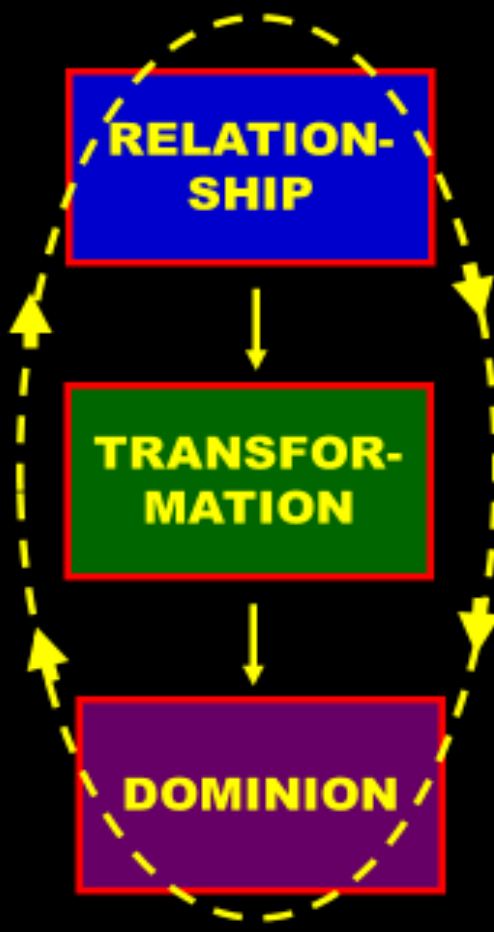


Chart 2
Key Spiritual Growth Cycle Concepts
Emphasized at the Individual Level

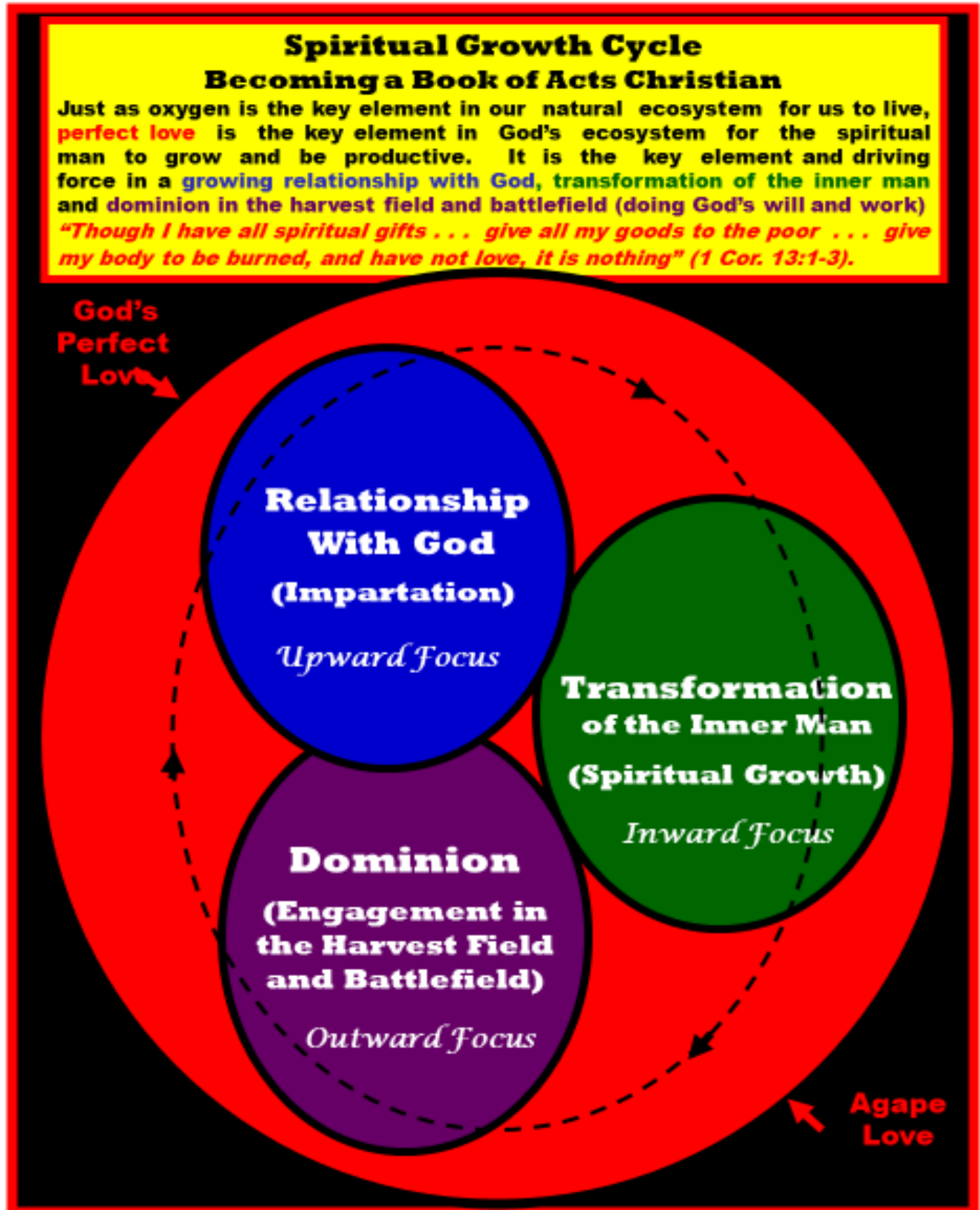


Chart 3

Continuing Education Through the Pursuit of God's Word With Teaching and Training (one-on-one, classroom and media)

- (1) Develop a Bible study strategy that includes curriculum levels for everyone -- the new convert to the mature saint.
- (2) In addition to pulpit and classroom teaching, preaching and training, develop physical and digital media libraries of DVDs, CDs, on-line classes, books, articles, etc., for unlimited, just-in-time teaching and training for every level (new convert to the mature saint).
- (3) A media ministry could be the key to bridging the gap created by the demand of a mega endtime harvest that is so large it will transcend the supply of experienced teachers. The business world and academia (elementary school to college) uses this as a great productive tool to accommodate on-demand just-in-time continued education and training.
- (4) Potential for Everyone to be a Teacher: Using the tools of multi-media (DVDs, CDs, on-line courses, etc.), there is the potential for everyone to become a teacher. Less experienced teachers, using these media resources, will allow them to learn and teach at the same time. Experienced teachers could leverage the use of their schedule and time to assist the less experienced teacher as needed.
- (5) Proactively maintain training records for everyone to encourage and track their continued pursuit of the Word.

Our vision is for everyone to be a student and everyone to be a teacher!

The people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many. (Dan. 11:32)