

# Five Stages Of Commitment

Every congregation is comprised of different levels of commitment and maturity. There are some members who are highly committed and very mature while others are uncommitted and immature. Between these groups are other people at various stages of spiritual growth. The goal of every congregation, including this one, should be to help as many people as possible move through these stages of spiritual growth.

1. The first stage is the lost. These would include those who occasionally visit our services.
2. The second stage is the Sunday attenders which would include members with inconsistent attendance and visitors who attend periodically.
3. The third stage is the group which is more than attenders or observers, they are devoted to the Lord and feel a part of the congregation.
4. The fourth stage include those who have taken the next step and are actively working to learn and grow.
5. The fifth stage represents the deepest level of commitment. These are the workers and leaders. Without these people, everything in the congregation would grind to a halt.

At which point of the five stages are YOU? Jesus started where people were, at their level of commitment, but He never left them there. May we "*grow up into him in all things*" as we should (Ephesians 4:15). The Lord **WANTS** you to develop and your congregation **NEEDS** you to develop!

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