## Stages of Human Development / Maturity

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| **Infant** | Strong, loving bonds with parents  
Important needs met w/o asking  
Others synchronize first  
Help regulating distress / emotions  
Be seen thru eyes of heaven | Receive with Joy  
Develop Trust  
Organize self into person thru imitation  
Regulate and quiet every emotion  
Returning to joy from every emotion  
Be same person over time  
Learn to rest |
| **Child** | Help doing what s/he doesn’t want to  
Help sorting feelings, imagination, reality  
Feedback on guesses, attempts, failures  
Love that is not earned  
To be taught the big picture of life | Take care of self  
Learn to ask for needs  
Learn self-expression  
Develop persistence for doing hard things  
Develop personal resources and talents  
Tame cravings  
Learn what satisfies  
See self through eyes of heaven |
| **Adult** | Opportunity to form bonds with peers  
Inclusion by the adult community  
Observe adults using power fairly  
Opportunity for important involvement  
Guidance for personal impact on history  
Opportunities for mutual relationships | Discover main characteristics of heart  
Proclaim/defend personal/group identity  
Remain stable in distress  
Bring self and others back to joy together  
Develop personal style reflecting heart  
Learn to protect others from self  
Mutual satisfaction |
| **Parent** | Encouragement / Guidance from elders  
Peer review with other parents  
Secure and orderly community | Giving w/o needing to receive in return  
Protecting family unit  
Serve and enjoy family  
Meet children’s needs  
Help children with their tasks |
| **Elder** | A community in which to belong  
Recognition by the community  
A proper place in community structure  
Opportunities to be involved in lives of community members | Hospitality  
Give life to those w/o family  
Nurture community identity and purpose  
Able to guide group thru difficulty and return group back to joy |

See also: [www.lifemodel.org](http://www.lifemodel.org)  
menu item: Downloads >>> Conference Materials: *Intentional Spiritual Growth* by David Takle  
menu item: Downloads >>> Assessment Guides: (anything about Maturity, Adult, Child, etc)

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1 E James Wilder, *Living With Men*, 2004