

STUDY GUIDE ON THE SANCTIFICATION PROCESS

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The following analysis of a Christian's growth process produces a schematic based on the inner-outer differential. By inner we mean the understanding, emotions, and motives we have; outer means the actions we do. Each group of scriptures given below affirms something about the inner, the outer, or their relationship. Determine what that fact is and why it is important. Then synthesize all the parts into a working model of the growth process with observations on its implications for witnessing and applications to Christian education and defense of the faith.

I. 1 Corinthians **13:1-3** (cp. 1 Samuel **16:7**; Matthew **6:1-5**; **7:15**; **23:5-7**, **25-36**; Luke **11:37-44**; John **7:24**; Hebrews **4:12-13**; 2 Peter **2:17**—springs that give no water; Jude **12**—no fruit)

II. James **2:14**, **17**, **20**, **24**, **26**

III. James **2:14-26**, *etc.*

IV. Matthew **5:28**—thoughts; **12:34**—for the heart; **15:17-20** (= Mark **7:19-21**); Romans **6:17**; 2 Corinthians **9:7**; Proverbs **4:23**; **15:13**; **16:23**; **28:25**

V. Matthew **6:19-21** (= Luke **12:34**)

VI. Matthew **13:15** (= Isaiah **6:9-10**); **23:26** (note Acts **2:37**)

VII. Colossians **1:9b-10**; 2 Peter **1:5-9**

- A. What are the elements of the process?
- B. What is the pattern of the process?
- C. Where does it begin?
- D. What triggers it?