

# Spiritual Maturity Assessment Instrument Validity Stage (Alpha)

## Alpha Part-1: Definitions for each scale

<b>Scale</b>	<b>Brief Definition</b>
<b>Evil thoughts</b>	To focus on what you can gain or profit out of situations or other people. To be willing to cause trouble in doing so.
<b>Hatred</b>	To lack love towards others, not having affection or kindness towards them, and being angered by them. To sow division in word and deed.
<b>Idolatry</b>	To look to and worship other gods, comforts, or material possessions to provide identity and worth rather than receiving this from God.
<b>Immorality</b>	To lack self-control and moral power that leads to activities that displease God, such as sexual immorality and excessive pleasure-seeking.
<b>Joy</b>	To have gladness and delight, both as a state or feeling as well as an active choice in response to situations, both good and bad ('rejoice').
<b>Knowledge</b>	To desire and search for knowledge about God, the glory of God, Jesus Christ, and salvation.
<b>Love of God</b>	To welcome, desire, and worship God - exemplified in God sending his son to us, reciprocated in a pure gratefulness to Him.
<b>Love of Others</b>	To welcome, be fond of, and have affection for others; showing good will, preferring and honouring them, and seeking actions that build them up. Both for fellow Christians, unbelievers, and 'enemies'.
<b>Moral Power</b>	To have the power or grace to both perform miracles and/or avoid temptation and remain in purity.
<b>Patience</b>	To be slow and mild in anger with others. To be patient towards the plans of the Lord, whilst not losing heart.
<b>Peace</b>	To have a sense of rest within oneself and with God. To desire and act towards harmonious relationships and reconciliation with others.
<b>Purity in Heart/Mind</b>	To have a desire to please God and a 'correctness' of thinking and feeling, free from any mixture of evil.
<b>Self Control</b>	To have a soundness of mind that allows you to curb behaviours in response to desires, influences, and feelings (e.g. anger); remaining measured and moderate in response.
<b>Sharing the Hope</b>	To share the hope of Jesus and the gospel with those who don't yet know him, in both word and deed.

## Alpha Part-2: Definitions for each scale

<b>Scale</b>	<b>Brief Definition</b>
<b>Compassion/Mercy</b>	To respond to the ills of others with emotions and actions, through generosity and mercy.
<b>Deception</b>	To speak in a way that is rude or untrue, speaking badly about others, and dishonouring God with words.
<b>Faithfulness</b>	To be 'believing', trusting, and reliable, with God and/or others.
<b>Forgiveness</b>	To not look past hurts and offences. To hold grudges, and judge others, before looking at one's own sin.
<b>Humility</b>	To have a modest view of oneself, thinking of the needs of others above your own.
<b>Integrity</b>	To carry out one's actions uprightly with dignity, honesty, and ensuring you are true to your word.
<b>Justice</b>	To hate evil and want to put right wrongs in the world, expressed in word, prayer, and action.
<b>Obedience</b>	To follow all of God's commandments, not being lazy but instead being energetic in doing what we ought (including denying yourself to do so).
<b>Sound Speech</b>	To speak truthfully and in a wholesome manner to and about others.
<b>Steadfastness</b>	To be able to patiently endure, standing firm in what God has called you to, even rejoicing in trials and suffering.
<b>Trust</b>	To believe in and have confidence in God such that the cares of this world do not take away from one's joy.
<b>Vision/Hope</b>	To have a firm vision and motivation of eternal calling, and to confidently expect God's goodness in life.