

Spiritual Maturity Inventory

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Professional Doctoral Programs

The SMI is a 50 Question Inventory designed to help evaluate your perception of spiritual maturity by examining your life and behavior in eight core aspects of the Christian life. The self-assessment should take 10-15 minutes.

Your responses will be collected and used to assess your preparedness for doctoral studies. The results will be available to program administrators only and referenced during your interview for the professional doctoral program.

Indicate the degree to which each statement describes you. There are no right or wrong answers. Please respond to all the statements. When completed, please upload the SMI as a PDF to your application portal.

1-Always 2-Often 3-Occasionally 4- Rarely 5-Never

- I truly look forward to preparing to worship God by praying, confessing, and focusing.
- I read and study the Bible on my own.
- Others in the church know they can trust me.
- I am learning more about the Bible.
- My speech and behavior please God.
- I am committed to fulfilling specific spiritual goals.
- I am committed to serving people who do not belong to my church, as well as serving those who do.
- I demonstrate sincere compassion and fight against injustice and inequality.
- I show love to others and allow people in my church to love and serve me.
- I follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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- I am certain that the Bible is true in all that it teaches.
 - Worship is part of my daily lifestyle...it is not just an event I attend.
 - My life is characterized by consistent joy and peace.
 - Other people would call me a person of integrity, honesty, and authenticity.
 - I regularly pray for the salvation of specific non-Christians I know.
 - I am able to clearly explain what I believe and why.
 - I spend time with people from my church, other than when I see them at church.
 - I am extremely understanding and forgiving of other believers.
 - I am involved in identifying or creating opportunities to share my faith with non-believers.
 - I am passionate about imitating Christ.
 - I am committed to a personal ministry that improves other people's lives.
 - My church friends seem like family to me.
 - I experience God's presence or have intimate interaction with Him during corporate worship.
 - I pray constantly, both speaking and listening to God.
 - I build relationships with the people I serve.
 - I make the best possible use of my spiritual gifts.
 - Others know that I am dependable and faithful.
 - My attitudes, values and thoughts please God.
 - I donate my time and talents to serve others and further the kingdom.
 - My life shows consistent self-control.
 - I evaluate all teaching, ideas, values and lifestyles to see if they are consistent with the Bible.
 - My church friends are honest with me about my spiritual condition and development.

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- I joyfully share what I have with those in need.
 - I use resources efficiently to maximize my impact for the kingdom of God.
 - I memorize scripture.
 - My personal stewardship is extremely important to me.
 - I effectively share my faith in Jesus Christ with non-Christians.
 - I attend worship regularly, gathering with other believers to exalt God and encourage one another.
 - In my interactions with others I am patient, kind, and gentle.
 - Other people hold me accountable for spiritual growth.
 - Virtually nothing prevents me from experiencing the presence of God in worship.
 - I contribute part of my income to the Lord's work regularly.
 - I make sure the people I have evangelized get the spiritual follow-up and support they need.
 - People have accepted Christ as their savior after I have shared my faith in Christ with them.
 - I sacrifice my resources regularly to facilitate ministry impact.
 - My daily choices and decisions are based upon biblical principles and values.
 - I intentionally develop and maintain relationships with non-Christians with the hope of being able to share my faith with them.
 - I sacrifice my resources for the benefit of the needy.
 - I respectfully enter God's presence with awe, humility, and gratitude.