

5 THRESHOLDS OF CONVERSION

INITIAL TRUST

A person is able to trust or has a positive association with Jesus Christ, the Church, a Christian, or something identifiably Christian. Trust is **not** the same as active personal faith. Trust is a bridge on which people move closer to God.

SPIRITUAL CURIOSITY

A person finds him or herself intrigued by or desiring to know more about Jesus, his life, his teachings, or some aspect of the Christian faith. A person at this threshold is not yet open to personal change but is heading in that direction.

SPIRITUAL OPENNESS

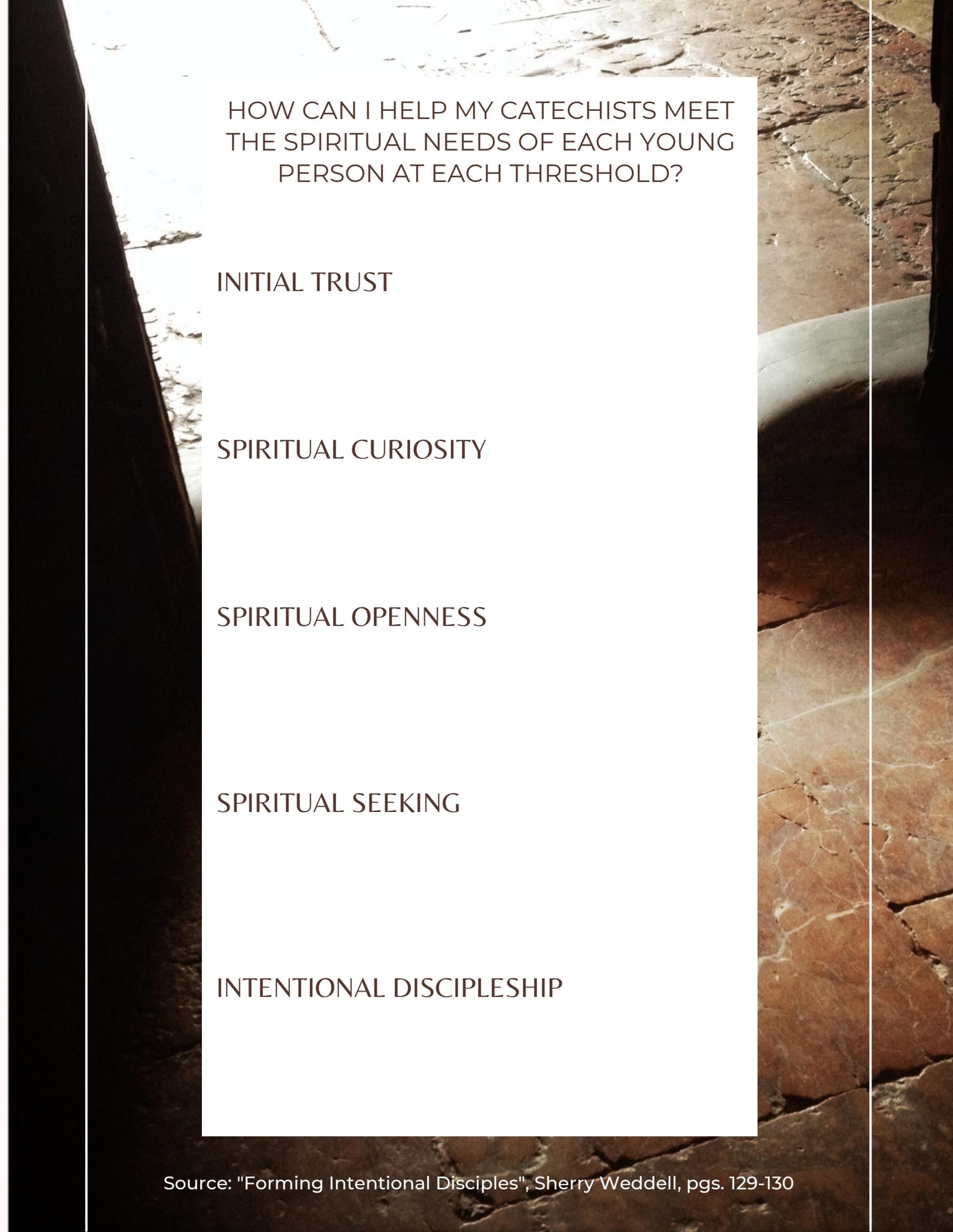
A person acknowledges to him or herself and to God that he or she is open to the possibility of personal change. Openness is not yet a commitment to change.

SPIRITUAL SEEKING

A person moves from being passive to actively seeking to know God who is calling him or her. At this stage, the seeker is engaged in a spiritual quest as to whether or not he or she can commit to Jesus Christ and His Church.

INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

This is the decision to "drop one's nets" and make a conscious commitment to follow Jesus in His Church as a disciple and to reorder one's life accordingly.



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