

What do to when you don't Desire God?

Do you remember the time you were young in your faith and you desired Jesus and were passionate about the things of God. We may have done silly things in our youthful zeal but we had pure intentions. And with those pure intentions we start to grow and mature in our faith. We start to do good works, persevere in trial and become doctrinally sound. We've become a lot like the church of Ephesus found in the book of Revelation.

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Reason's we forsake Christ

- We forget
- We desire other things
- We cultivate other important things

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 - Remember your fallen condition
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2. Repent!

3. Return to the things that cultivate your desire for Jesus!

- Stay rooted in the word of God.
 - Read / listen to the word
 - Memorize & meditate scripture
 - Hebrews 4:12 - ¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
- Redeem your time.
 - Prayer
 - Fasting
- Pursue community w/ a purpose.
- Share your faith.
 - Philemon 6 - ⁶ I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.

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In what ways will you cultivate a desire for Christ again?



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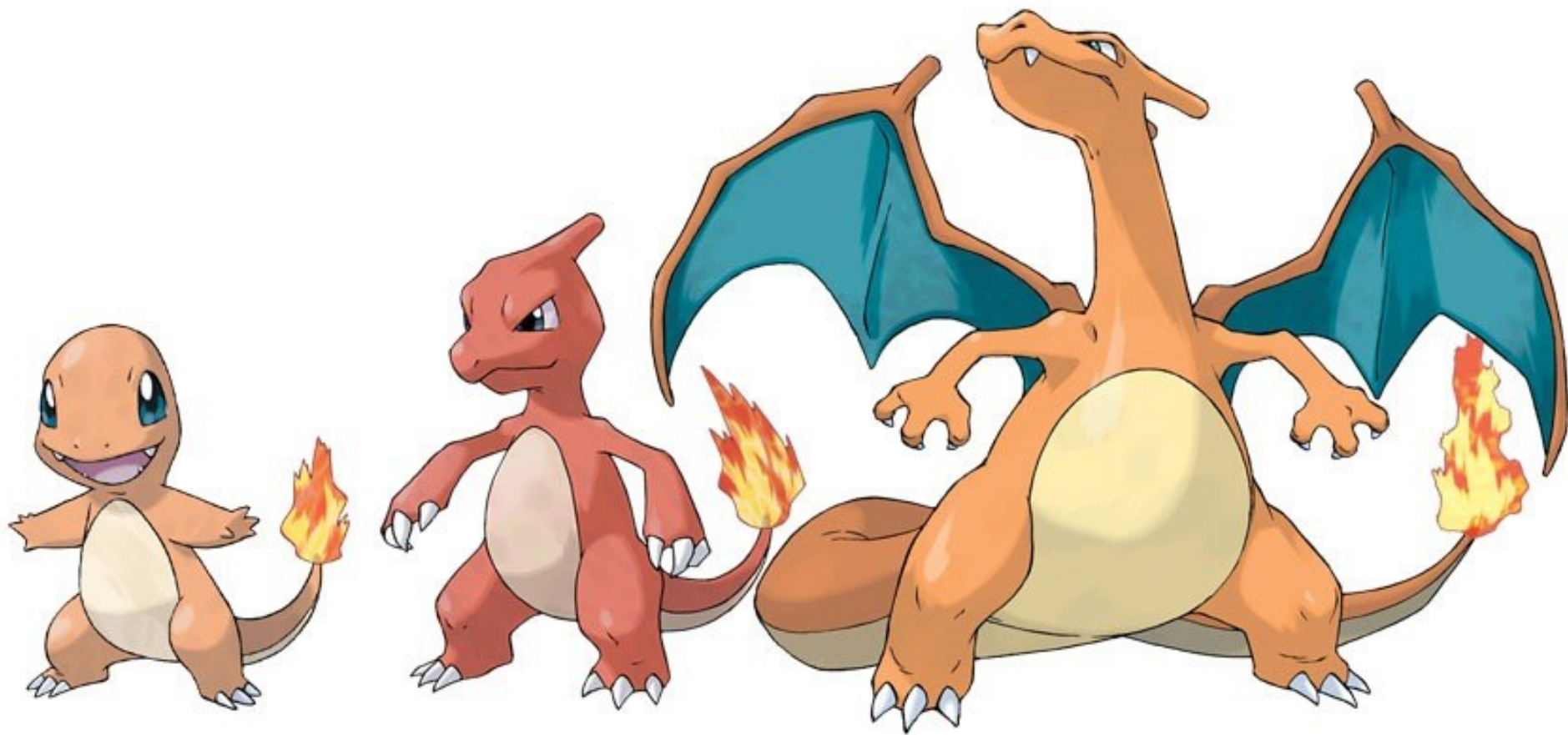
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