

*St. Teresa of Avila claimed the right for  
All the baptized to a **Complete Development of Baptismal Graces**  
in whatever form the Lord would give them to a person and  
for which interior prayer is the vital nourishment.*

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<i>The soul enters the castle, in other words, begins a life of interior prayer in spite of the many attachments to the world (scorpions, lizards etc.)</i>	The Healing at the Pool of Bethesda Jn. 5:1-16
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<i>Spiritual Combat ensues. The soul finds itself pulled between the world and the spiritual world.</i>  <b>Difficult House:</b> <i>Hard decisions to make, Change</i>	Prodigal Son Luke 15:11-32
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<i>The good Christian, the devout Catholic who remains however <b>not completely converted</b>, who is not completely surrendered to God. This is a good, well-intentioned soul who has his/her idea of how things should be.</i>	Rich Young Ruler Mc.10:17-27 Matt. 19:16-26 Lk.18:18-23
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>God Intervenes- 1<sup>st</sup> Supernatural Prayer; God absorbs the Will</i>  <b>3 Speed FAN:</b> <i>Speed 1- Supernatural Prayer of Recollection; Speed 2-Prayer of Quiet Type I(Spiritual Delights); Speed 3-Prayer of Quiet Type II (Sleep of the Powers), more intense given based on Virtues (Humility, Charity, Detachment)</i>  <b>Difficult House:</b> <i>Purification of the Senses, Emotions</i>	The Transfiguration Mc. 9:2-10
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Prayer of Union. God takes over the Faculties of the Soul (Will, Intellect, Memory), No Sense of <b>ME</b> (Unconscious), Rarer Gift, Teresa uses image of Silkworm (worm to butterfly) as the soul is transformed, lives now for Christ</i>	Resurrected Christ Appears to His Disciples and to Thomas Jn. 20:19-31
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Spiritual Betrothal Prayer of Union. In addition, Teresa also experienced Many Graces: visions in images (Christ deep in soul), intellectual visions (Christ at her side, understanding of mysteries eg. Trinity), rapture (faculties &amp; senses seized), transverberation (piercing of her heart)</i>  <b>Difficult House:</b> <i>Purification of the Faculties of the soul, many trials</i>	Jesus anointed at Bethany (after Lazarus raised from the dead) Jn. 12:1-10
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Spiritual Marriage Transformative Union with God- Summit of Spiritual Life.</i>	Jesus Prays to be Glorified, for His disciples, for all believers Jn. 17:1-26

*Teresa's Masterpiece, the Interior Castle (the soul) completed in November 1577, describes man's journey within through Interior Prayer to Union with God. She outlines 7 Mansions (or Dwelling Places or Steps), each containing many rooms) on this journey.*