



Developing Spiritual Maturity

Text: Ephesians 5:1-20

There comes a time when we must **CHOOSE** to **GROW SPIRITUALLY**. Hebrews 5:13-14

Three Types Of Believers:

1. There are **BABY** Christians who are new to the things of God. I Corinthians 3:1-3
2. There are **CARNAL** Christians who profess to know Jesus, but they tend to follow their own fleshly desires instead of choosing to obey the Word of God—instead of choosing to follow the Holy Spirit.
3. There are **MATURE** Christians who continue to grow in the things of God and in the knowledge of the Word of God. James 1:22, Proverbs 4:18

Five Principles That Will Help Develop Spiritual Maturity:

1. We are called to walk with **FOCUS**. So let's **LOOK UP** and keep our eyes of Jesus! Hebrews 12:2, Isaiah 26:3, Romans 12:2 (Message), Psalm 101:6
 - Who is ministering to you? Who is influencing you?
 - There is an impartation that happens when we spend time with people and listen to people—whether it's positive or negative.
2. We are called to walk in purity. So it's time to **STAND UP** for what pleases God!
 - Stay away from any hint of sexual immorality, any obscenity or indecency, any kind of impurity, foolish talk, coarse joking and greed.
3. We are called to walk in wisdom. So **GROW UP** when it comes to your decisions.
 - Let's not make rash and thoughtless decisions without praying and asking God for wisdom.
 - Wisdom comes from God and from knowing God's Word.
 - Every time you read God's Word, you are filling yourself with the wisdom of God.
 - When you **FILL** yourself with God's wisdom daily—the right decisions come naturally. Proverbs 2
4. We are called to walk with purpose. So let's **SHOW UP** for God!
 - If you will **SHOW UP**—God will **SHOW UP**!
 - When you take a step of faith—God takes a bigger step!
 - He will anoint you and give you the grace to do what He has called you to do!
 - When you say yes to God—He will train you and prepare you for your calling.
5. We are called to walk in the Spirit. Let's **STEP UP** and follow the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:14, Romans 8:5, Galatians 5:16 (Amplified)
 - In order to develop maturity in our lives, we must learn to walk in the Spirit, depend on the Spirit, and be led by the Spirit.
 - The Holy Spirit is the presence of God in you. And He is in you to help you, guide you and warn you.
 - We must learn to pay attention to His leading and impulses.