

It's Time to Grow Up (Part 2)  
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Scripture References:

- Colossians 1:24-29, *NLT*
- Colossians 2:1-10, *NLT*
- 1 John 2:6, *NLT*
- Mark 8:34, *NLT*
- Mark 8:34, *NIV*
- Mark 8:34, *ESV*
- Hebrews 6:1, *NIV*
- 1 Corinthians 3:2, *NIV*
- 1 Chronicles 16:11, *NIV*
- James 1:22-25, *NIV*
- Proverbs 27:17
- Hebrews 10:24-25

Summary:

*Maturing spiritually is something all Christians should aspire to. We mature not because of the number of years we have gone to church, or even how long ago we were saved; maturity requires having a **personal** relationship with Christ. God accepts us right where we are, imperfections and all, and promises to perfect us when He is living in us. This doesn't mean being perfect, but gradually growing in maturity because of His influence; our union with Him is what matures us. We mature spiritually when our characteristics are made more like Jesus in every way.*

Notes:

1. Christ is the standard for spiritual maturity. He weans us from spiritual milk. To be complete is to be mature. Jesus completes us; He is all we will ever need.
2. We must examine ourselves to identify what we learned and what we live by that didn't come from Christ. Our values must not come from the world, but from Him.
3. The knowledge that Christ lives in us changes our entire mindset and gives us a new perspective on situations that come up.
4. How we treat others indicates how closely we are mirroring Christ's nature of love. The more He perfects and matures us, the better we can love others. Maturing the way He wants us to makes us just like Him; spiritual maturity should be every Christian's priority.
5. We must be *followers* of Jesus Christ, not just fans; our spiritual maturity decides this. Followers of Jesus will be called to do things that immature fans cannot and will not do. Fans of Christ only care about their own self-interest. By contrast, spiritually mature followers must give up their own way of doing things.

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