

SERMON NOTES:

Living A Rightly Ordered Life | Part 7: What is Needed Now

BIG Idea: Christ doesn't just save us at the start—He calls us to keep going, growing from foundation into maturity.

Application: Take your next faithful step toward maturity—leaving spiritual infancy behind and growing into a resilient, enduring faith.

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Biblical growth is the life of Christ taking deeper root in us.

Ephesians 4:15-16 (NLT)

¹⁵ Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. ¹⁶ He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

2 Peter 3:18 (NLT)

¹⁸ Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.

Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

⁷ Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Hebrews 6:1-3 (NLT)

¹ So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. ² You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³ And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding.

1. Maturity is expected, not optional.

Hebrews 6:1b (NLT)

“Let us go on...”

Real faith is meant to move forward.

A foundation is meant to be built upon.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NLT)

¹ Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in Christ. ² I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, ³ for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world?

2. Maturity requires movement.

Hebrews 6:2-3 (NLT)

² You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³ **And so, God willing, we will move forward** to further understanding.

Growth is not automatic, and it is not merely informational.

Philippians 2:12-13 (NLT)

¹² Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. ¹³ For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

James 1:2-4 (NLT)

² Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. ³ For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴ So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

3. Maturity produces Christlike character and purpose.

Colossians 1:28-29 (NLT)

²⁸ So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. ²⁹ That's why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within me.

Mature faith doesn't just stay private – it becomes productive. It becomes overflowing.

Hebrews 10:24 (NLT)

²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.