

FOUNDATIONS 03

MATURITY

SO MANY CHRISTIANS HAVE A WIDE FOOTPRINT BUT SHALLOW FAITH.
THEY ARE **“A MILE WIDE AND AN INCH DEEP.”**

WHAT WENT WRONG?

THEY NEVER _____. THE CHURCH FAILED TO DISCIPLE THEM.

*Matthew 28:19-20 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,*

*20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you
always, even to the end of the age.”*

HERE'S OUR FOUNDATIONS:

1. WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE _____.

“Teaching them to observe all that i commanded you.”

The Bible is the message. We can't change it. We can only obey it.

2. WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE _____.

“Go therefore.”

*It's a participle. As you go, carry the message with you. THE MISSION IS
PROACTIVE, PERSONAL, AND COMPASSIONATE.*

3. WE ARE COMMITTED TO _____.

“Go therefore and MAKE DISCIPLES”

*Colossians 1:28 And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching
every man with all wisdom, that we may present EVERY MAN COMPLETE IN
CHRIST. (NASV)*

THE OBJECTIVE IS TO BRING EVERY PERSON TO _____. IN
CHRIST.

I. WHAT IS _____ ?

FIRST, WHAT MATURITY IS _____

MATURE IS NOT THE SAME AS _____. OLD

MATURITY IS NOT _____.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PERFECT TO BE MATURE. BUT YOU DO HAVE TO
_____.

1 Corinthians 9:27 (NET) I subdue my body and make it my slave, so that after preaching to others I myself will not be disqualified.

WHAT MATURITY IS

MATURITY IS _____.

KNOWLEDGE IS _____ ; WISDOM IS _____ . .

Proverbs 2:1-5

- 1 *My son, if you will receive my words and treasure my commandments within you,*
- 2 *Make your ear attentive to wisdom, incline your heart to understanding;*
- 3 *For if you cry for discernment, lift your voice for understanding;*
- 4 *If you seek her as silver and search for her as for hidden treasures;*
- 5 *Then you will discern the fear of the LORD and discover the knowledge of God.*

KNOWLEDGE IS _____. WISDOM IS A _____.

Proverbs 2:6 For the LORD GIVES wisdom from His mouth come KNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTANDING.

KNOWLEDGE IS _____ . .

UNDERSTANDING IS _____ . .

Wisdom is that moment when god turns information into insight.

Wisdom is the ability to bring the truth of god's word to bear on the situations of your life.

MATURITY IS _____.

Hebrews 5:12 For though BY THIS TIME YOU OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

The great transition between immaturity and maturity happens when my focus shifts from me to you.

MATURITY IS _____.

John 15:8 "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

JOHN 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

The mature manifest the fruit of the _____ in their lives.
The mature manifest the fruit of _____ through their witness.

II. HOW DO WE GROW INTO MATURITY?

YOU HAVE TO KEEP _____.

A DISCIPLE IS A _____.

Matthew 11:29"Take My yoke upon you AND LEARN FROM Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

YOU HAVE TO STAY _____.

THE PROBLEM WITH INFORMATION IS THAT IT OFTEN CREATES
_____.

1 Corinthians 8:1 Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

WE GROW SHARP BY RUBBING STEEL WITH SOMEONE WISER THAN OURSELVES.

WISDOM COMES FROM WISE _____.

Ephesians 4:11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

Ephesians 4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

Ephesians 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, TO A MATURE MAN, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

WISDOM COMES FROM WISE _____.

Proverbs 13:20 He who walks with wise men will be wise

YOU HAVE TO KEEP _____.

Philippians 3:12 I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

WHEN YOU STOP GROWING YOU _____.

2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

_____ IS THE ONLY CONSTANT.

Your body changes

Did you know that your whole body is completely renewed about every 20 years?

Your _____ changes too.

NOTHING STAYS THE SAME. GOD IS CONSTANTLY DOING A _____ WORK.

Lamentations 3:22 The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail.

23 They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

GOD WANTS YOU TO _____.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO YOUR _____.

WE HAVE MINISTRY GROUPS TO HELP YOU GROW

WE HAVE LIFE GROUPS TO HELP YOU GROW

WE HAVE SMALL GROUPS TO HELP YOU GROW

WE HAVE DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS MEETING

We train in discipleship skills.

We train in discipleship traits.

We do parenting, and family, and book studies.

We do a thing called, "S.H.A.P.E." to help you discover how God made you.

We do care groups.

IT'S ALL THERE AND AVAILABLE. BUT YOU HAVE TO BE WILLING TO GET INVOLVED.

EVERY PERSON AND EVERY CHURCH HAS A CHOICE.

WE CAN BE LIKE A _____. A MILE WIDE AND AN INCH DEEP.

OR WE CAN BE LIKE A _____. DEEP AND WIDE.

How is your walk with the Lord? Are you any more mature today than five years ago?

How are you personally helping others to mature?

What are you willing to do to help the church become the sort of place that is committed to maturity.