

ROMANS 12:9

MARKS OF MATURITY

Big Idea: Christian maturity is marked by genuine love, hatred toward evil, and holding fast to what pleases God.

MATURE CHRISTIANS LOVE SINCERELY

- What is genuine love and why is it one of the clearest evidences of spiritual maturity? (e.g. John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8; 1 John 4:16)
- What are some ways Christians can unintentionally practice “hypocritical love,” and how can we guard against it? (e.g. 1 John 3:16-18; 1 Peter 4:8)
- How can we move beyond surface-level relationships into authentic Gospel-centered love in the church? (e.g. Hebrews 10:24-25; Philippians 1:27; 2:3-4)

MATURE CHRISTIANS HATE EVIL

- What does it mean to hate evil and why is it necessary to do so if we are going to genuinely love God and others? (e.g. Psalm 97:10; Proverbs 6:16-19; 9:10)
- What are some subtle sins believers often tolerate, and why are they dangerous? (e.g. Psalm 1:1-3; James 1:14-15)
- How can Christians hate sin without becoming harsh or self-righteous toward sinners? (e.g. Ephesians 4:15, 25-32; Hebrews 12:1-2)

MATURE CHRISTIANS HOLD TIGHTLY TO WHAT IS GOOD

- What does it practically look like to “cling to what is good” in everyday life? (e.g., Philippians 4:8-9; 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22)
- Why is replacing sinful habits with godly pursuits essential for spiritual growth? (e.g. Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:1-10)
- What “good” habits help strengthen your walk with Christ? (e.g. 2 Timothy 2:22)