

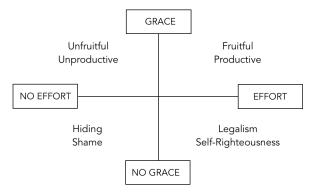
Part 3: Effective and Productive

Introduction

Maturing takes time, but it's dependent on more than just time. Transformation is a combination of divine enablement and personal responsibility. When we lean into that process, it not only changes us—it impacts everyone around us.

Discussion Questions

- 1. When you think of spiritual maturity, what do you picture?
- 2. How does growing in *maturity* differ from merely growing in *experience*?
- 3. In the message, Samer used the graph below to illustrate the interplay between grace and effort in the process of transformation. Which of the three unhealthy quadrants are you most prone to slip into when you are not growing? Why?



- 4. Read 2 Peter 1:5–11. What does it look like when a person possesses the qualities Peter mentions in verses 5–7 "in increasing measure"? What happens when a Jesus follower does not grow in these qualities?
- 5. Who you are becoming impacts every relationship you have. Which of your relationships would benefit the most from you being transformed to be more like Jesus? What would it look like to validate your transformation in that relationship?
- 6. Transformation is a process that takes time. What is one area of your life where can you lean into that process even when the results are slow in coming?

Changing Your Mind

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. -1 Thessalonians 5:23