



Colossians 1:24-29

Maturity in Christ





Main idea of sermon

- ***It is God's desire for all believers to mature in Christ.***
 - What does it mean to “mature in Christ”?
 - Why must a Christian “mature in Christ”?
 - How can a Christian “mature in Christ”?



Profile of a mature Christian

Knowledge
of the
word of God



Reflects
and relate:
Discover
Biblical principles



Apply
Biblical principles
To his life




Does not give up
When faced with
difficulties




Develop godly fruit in the
Form of:

1. Thanksgiving
2. Perseverance
3. Rootedness
4. Authenticity
5. Testimony



What kind of person would you like to grow to be in the near future?

1. A person who is mature in Christ
2. A person who is successful in whatever I do so that people will respect me.
3. A person who is like my parents because they inspire me in many ways.
4. A person who just do the minimal since this is what people say about me anyway.
5. I don't know. Too busy to think about this question.

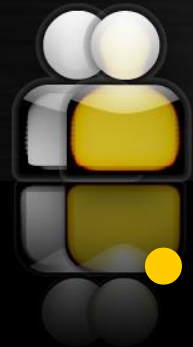


What kind of person would you like to grow to be in the near future?

1. A person who is mature in Christ (67%)
2. A person who is successful in whatever I do so that people will respect me. (16%)
3. A person who is like my parents because they inspire me in many ways. (4%)
4. A person who just do the minimal since this is what people say about me anyway. (1%).
5. I don't know. Too busy to think about this question (10%)



“Sometimes when we read the words of those who have been more than conquerors, we feel almost despondent. I feel that I shall never be like that. But they won through step by step, by little bits of wills, little denials of self, little inward victories, by faithfulness in very little things. They became what they are. No one sees these little hidden steps. They only see the accomplishment, but even so, those small steps were taken. There is no sudden triumph, no sudden spiritual maturity. That is the work of the moment.” - Amy Carmichael




How to grow in maturity in Christ?

- Be assured of your status in Christ
- Know and apply God's word
- Be aware of your role as a disciple maker and one who is to be disciplined.



Which group of persons is helping you the MOST in terms of your growth as a Christian?

- My parents
- Leaders in youth ministry (LGLs, Ministry Leaders, Preachers)
- Adults in PMC who are not serving in the youth ministry
- Myself



Which group of persons is helping you the MOST in terms of your growth as a Christian?

- My parents (12%)
- Leaders in youth ministry (LGLs, Ministry Leaders, Preachers) (61%)
- Adults in PMC who are not serving in the youth ministry (9%)
- Myself (18%)



How can adults in PMC disciple the youths?

- 26% feels that you can spend more time interacting with them. Don't just ciao after service! Or come and help out in our events when we need you!
- 14% feels that you might not be able to do anything. Well, prove them wrong?
- 50% feels that the best way for you to disciple them, is to show them that you are truly Christian; that you do what God says. That you love God and others.
- 11% desires to have a younger adult mentoring them.