Introduction

How do you measure spiritual growth?

The goal of our faith is to become mature believers in Christ.

What are the marks of a mature believer?

I. A commitment to Christ and his church.

A mature believer will be actively involved in a local church.

- We are united by a common faith.
- We are united by a personal relationship with Jesus as our Savior and Lord.
- We are to grow up in all things into him who is the Head of his body, the church.

A mature church is like a healthy body, where everyone works together and does their part to help the church grow.

One of the ways that we can measure spiritual maturity is to look at a person’s involvement in ministry and giving.

- Mature believers are generous givers.
- Mature believers get involved in ministry.

II. A commitment to truth.

Infants are vulnerable.

Spiritually, new believers are vulnerable too – to false teaching and false teachers.

We need to know the Scriptures.

We need to be able to defend our faith.

There are great tools that can help us.

- Evidence That Demands a Verdict by Josh McDowell
- Apologetics for a New Generation by Sean McDowell
- Patterns of Evidence by Tim Mahoney
A mature believer knows the Bible and can apply it to life.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” II Timothy 3:16-17

III. A commitment to love.

We need to speak the truth in love.

We need both to be like Christ who came from the Father full of grace and truth. John 1:14

We are to build up the church in love.

Love is a fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23

Love is also a powerful witness to the world. John 13:34-35


Conclusion

How are you doing in these three areas?

Are you committed to Christ and his church?

Are you committed to the truth of God’s Word?

Are you committed to loving God and one another?