

## Maturing In Christ Ephesians 4:11-16

### **Growth Is Expected**

*Philippians 3:13-15; 2Corinthians 7:1; John 17:23*

Fruit-bearing stunted if not maturing - **Luke 8:13; Matthew 19:21-22**

Scriptures adequately equip us to grow & be perfect - **2Timothy 3:16-17**

### **Move To Maturity**

#### **Leave The Basic**

*Hebrews 5:12-14*

Ability to teach others

Ability to receive meat of the word

Ability to discern good and evil

Willingness to receive instruction, admonitions, recognize & admit faults - **Colossians 1:28**

#### **Take Control**

*James 1:19,26; 3:2*

Seasoned with salt, gracious to the hearer - **Colossians 4:6**

Nothing filthy - **Ephesians 4:29**

#### **Demonstrate Love**

*Colossians 3:14*

For God - **1John 4:17-21**

For our brethren - **1John 3:16-18; John 13:35**

For our enemies - **Matthew 5:43-48**

#### **Keep Moving Forward**

*1Corinthians 15:58*

In trials - **James 1:2-4; 2Corinthians 12:9**

In overcoming temptations - **James 1:12-15**

In growing up - **Philippians 3:8-16**

#### **Imitate Christ**

*Luke 6:40*

In word - **1Peter 4:11**

In manner of living - **1John 2:6**

In mind or attitude - **Philippians 2:5; 1Peter 4:1-2**

#### **Focus On Maturing**

*1Peter 2:1-3; 2Peter 1:5-8*