

# Maturing In Christ: It's Your Choice

**1 Thessalonians 2:11-13** - As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, **(12)** That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. **(13)** For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

**Philippians 2:13** - For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

**Ephesians 3:20** - Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

**Ephesians 4:11-16** - And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; **(12)** For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: **(13)** Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: **(14)** That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; **(15)** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: **(16)** From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

**1 Corinthians 3:1-3** - And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. **(2)** I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto (until now) ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. **(3)** For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

**Proverbs 1:2-7** - To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; **(3)** To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; **(4)** To give subtilty (prudence) to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. **(5)** A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: **(6)** To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. **(7)** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**Proverbs 1:22** - "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.

**1 Corinthians 13:11** - When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

**1 Corinthians 14:20** - Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

**Proverbs 2:6** - For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

**Psalms 19:7-10** - The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. **(8)** The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. **(9)** The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. **(10)** More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

**Psalm 119:97-105** - O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. **(98)** Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. **(99)** I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. **(100)** I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. **(101)** I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. **(102)** I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. **(103)** How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! **(104)** Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. **(105)** Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

**Colossians 3:16** - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.