

Ephesians 4:11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.:12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.:13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.:14 Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.:15 Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.:16 He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Matthew 7:26 But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand.

Matthew 7:27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

REVIEW

GROWING UP IS COMPLICATED BUT SIMPLE. WE FACE CHALLENGES IN LIFE AND WE WANT TO FIX OURSELVES. WE TRY TO FIGURE OUT IF ITS SPIRITUAL PROBLEM, A PHYSICAL PROBLEM OR AN EMOTIONAL PROBLEM. BASED ON OUR CONCLUSIONS THAT DETERMINES WHO WE WILL CALL.... PASTOR, COUNSELOR, DOCTOR...ETC.

WHERE AM I IMMATURE? WHAT ARE MY ISSUES? WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

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INCOMMUNICABLE ATTRIBUTES

Omniscient

Infinite

Omnipotent

Omnipresent

Immutable

COMMUNICABLE

Just- Micah 6:8

Holy - Leviticus 19:2 "Give the following instructions to the entire community of Israel. You must be holy because I, the lord your God, am holy.

Righteous - 2 Co. 5:21

Faithful - Gal. 5

Loving - 1 John

GOD DOES WELL...

Bonds with People

Separates from People

Sorts Out Issues of Good and Bad

Take Charge as an Adult

HOW MANY OF US ARE MARRIED TO PEOPLE WE AREN'T BONDED TO? RAISING KIDS WITH NO REAL BOND BEYOND PROVISION? HOW MANY OF US ARE CONNECTED TO PEOPLE THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE CONNECTED TO?

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THE COMBINATION OF GRACE, TRUTH AND TIME IS THE KEY TO GROWTH!

" the longest distance between any two points is the shortcut."

1. KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS

- SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF SCRIPTURE

READING IS THE STARTING PLACE AND HERE ARE THE TOOLS YOU MUST HAVE...

- 1. Bible that is NOT on your phone.**
- 2. Bible that is in a modern language.**
- 3. Journal to write questions.**
- 4. Concordance**
- 5. Bible dictionary**

- ACCOUNTABILITY IN COMMUNITY

1. SMALL GROUP MEETING UNLESS YOUR FAMILY HAS WEEKLY WORSHIP
2. OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

2. STOP ACTING LIKE CHILDREN

- FRIENDSHIPS WITH PEOPLE WHO CAN COMMUNICATE.
- FRIENDSHIPS WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE SAME GOALS.
- FRIENDSHIPS WITH PEOPLE YOU ARE NOT HAVING SEX WITH.

RESULT...

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3. GROWING UP IN EVERY WAY

EMOTIONAL MATURITY

WHERE YOU ARE EMOTIONALLY IS THE RESULT

1. THE SINS YOU COMMITTED AGAINST OTHERS
2. THE SINS OTHERS COMMITTED AGAINST YOU

Matthew 7:24 “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.

Matthew 7:25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock.

Matthew 7:26 But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand.

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Matthew 7:28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,

Matthew 7:29 for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

FOUNDATION ... TRUTH

STRUCTURE ... ACTIONS AND OBEDIENCE

COMFORT ... FEELS IN THE HOUSE

1. WHAT THE AIR FEELS LIKE - HVAC
2. WHAT THE AIR SMELLS LIKE - PLUMBING

CONFESSION ADDRESSES BOTH SINS

1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

James 5:16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.