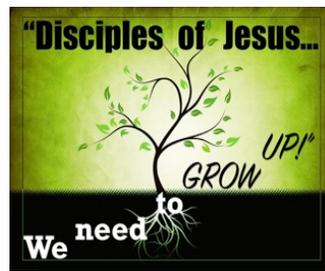


“Disciples of Jesus ... We need to GROW UP!”

Part 24: “Passing it on ... helping others to grow in Christ.”



**Romans 15:14; II Timothy 2:1-10, 3:14-17;
Hebrews 5:11-14**

Introduction: None of this matters if through the reading, studying and hearing of God’s Word you are not growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ!

Hebrews 5:11-14, 6:1: “Therefore, let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity” (6:1).

The evidence of the new birth that the Holy Spirit brings about in every true believer is spiritual growth.

Disciples of Jesus have the privilege and the responsibility to pour our lives into others as we ourselves go on toward maturity.

Ephesians 4:14-16: “... speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the Head, into Christ ...” (vs. 15).

I. All disciples of Jesus are “students” ...

The very existence of the Bible reveals God’s intention and desire for His people to keep learning, growing and becoming more like Christ through the reading and studying of His Word.

II Timothy 3:14-17: “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ...” (vs. 14).

II Peter 1:3: “His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us ...” (Acts 17:11, 2:42).

Hebrews 5:11-14: “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, ... you need milk, not solid food!” (vs. 12).

II. All disciples of Jesus are “mentors” ...

Romans 15:14: “I myself am satisfied about you ... that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.”

A “mentor” is one who passes on knowledge and skills to another person who is interested in following the path of their mentor.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9: “And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children ...” (vss. 6-7).

II Timothy 2:1-10: “... and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (vs. 2). See also Titus 2:1-5).

“LOVE” is meaningless without God’s TRUTH!

You need to understand WHY passing on truth from one generation to the next is the heart of our calling as disciples of Jesus.

III. All disciples of Jesus are “pursuers” ...

A “pursuer” is “one who strives to gain or accomplish something of importance.”

Philippians 3:12-16: “Not that I have already attained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own ... straining forward, I press on toward the goal of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (vss. 12,14).

Hebrews 6:11-12: “And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness ... so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

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Questions to ask yourself: Am I a student of God’s Word? Am I a mentor to others? Am I a pursuer of maturity in Christ?