

Most people avoid dealing with their character, possibly assuming that if they think it, then it must be correct; how do we begin to allow God to direct where I need growth, rather than “accepting who I am” and risking a spiritual stagnation (and failing to mature in our Christianity)?



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Be The Church... Making Mature Christians

Colossians 1:28

The mature Christian....

I... _____ and _____ God's _____.
John 14:21

Is there one or two points in this sermon that resonate with you? Will you pray for God's help to “know how to think about it” and what He would have you focus on to change? (see James 1 (this would be wisdom- how to think and what to do))

A. _____ God's _____
*(_____)

*2 Timothy 3:16-17; James 1:17; Philippians 2:3-8;
Matthew 11:29*

B. Has a _____

*Matthew 6:33; John 6:28-29; John 3:16; James 1:22;
1 Corinthians 10:31; John 15:4-5*

II... Has _____
Philippians 3:20-4:1; Ephesians 4:13-15

A. _____ God is _____ His _____.
Romans 8:28; James 1:17-18

B. Has a _____ of
doctrine and isn't _____.
Ephesians 4:14; Hebrews 5:14

C. _____ asks God for _____, or
“how to _____ something in
_____”.
James 1:5

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.

III... _____ developing _____

A. _____ that God is at work in his life
to make him _____.
Romans 8:29

B. Understands that he _____
in his _____ development for God's
work to be _____.
Colossians 3:8-10, 12-15

C. Has _____ as -with God's help- has
learned to _____ with
anxiety, anger, doubt, etc.
Philippians 4:7

CONCLUSION:

_____ on to _____ - and be an
_____ to _____.
Philippians 3:12-16

To consider and discuss:

Read Romans 7:15-25; do you experience the same yourself? How would recognizing this fact help a Christian to grow? Do you recognize that everyone else has this same dilemma? How would keeping this fact in mind help with interpersonal relationships, and contribute to Christian maturity?

If God's design is "working all things together" ... to make us more like Jesus (Romans 8:28-29), would it be helpful to make a short list (with references) to remind us what Jesus is like? Pick a couple now.... How would you "adopt" these to be more like Him?

Roy mentioned "doing God's work, God's way", what does "God's way" mean in your own words? (refer to the previous discussion question if you need)

How would the airline's instructions to "place the oxygen mask over your face first, then over your child's" translate to our command to "present everyone mature in Christ." (Colossians 1:28)?