

Maturity in Christ

Biblical picture of maturity

Example milestones

Know
(Theology)

Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

– 1 Corinthians 14:20

And he gave the apostles...so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

– Ephesians 4:11a-14

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ – 2 Corinthians 10:5

- Recite key verses for foundational doctrines
- Define terms via a catechism (i.e., what is faith, repentance etc)
- Understand of Biblical storyline and how it points to Jesus
- Understand and articulate the Gospel
- Answer common questions
- Use reference materials to study Scripture
- Recognize the plight of the world and the need for salvation

Be
(Worship)

The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

- Luke 6:45

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

– 1 John 4:13

- True fear of God
- Repentance and faith
- Fruit of the spirit
- Desire to glorify God in all things
- Decisions made based on a Christian worldview
- Self administered disciplines

Do
(Ethics)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

– John 13:34-35a

- Obedience to authorities
- Serve the church
- Tell others the Gospel
- Counsel others with basic truths from Scripture
- Endure persecution

For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead. – James 2:26