

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”
Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV

WHAT IS “SPIRITUAL MATURITY AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH”?

- Spiritual maturity is _____ and being like _____

“The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.”
Luke 6:40 NIV

“For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.” Romans 8:29 NLT

- Spiritual growth is measured by _____

“Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.” Matthew 7:17-20 NIV

“...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control...” Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

FACTS ABOUT SPIRITUAL MATURITY

- It's not _____

“You have been Christians a long time now, and you ought to be teaching others, but instead you have dropped back to the place where you need someone to teach you all over again the very first principles in God's Word. You are like babies who can drink only milk, not old enough for solid food. And when a person is still living on milk it shows he isn't very far along in the Christian life, and doesn't know much about the difference between right and wrong. He is still a baby Christian!” Hebrews 5:12-13 LB

- It's a _____

“...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...” 2 Peter 3:18 NIV

- It takes _____ and _____

“...discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness...” 1 Timothy 4:7 NASB

“Discipline is any activity I can do by direct effort that will help me do what I cannot do now by direct effort...A spiritual discipline is any activity that can help me gain power to live life as Jesus taught and modeled it.” John Ortberg

HOW DO I DEVELOP DISCIPLESHIP HABITS AND GROW IN SPIRITUAL MATURITY?

- _____ in a vital and intimate relationship with Jesus

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5 NIV

- Remain in the _____

"If you continue in My word, you really are My disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32 HCSB

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Psalm 119:105 NIV

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness," 2 Timothy 3:16 NIV

- Remain in _____

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15:7-8 NIV

- Remain in a lifestyle of _____
 - _____ (Psalm 33:1-3, Ephesians 5:19)
 - _____ (Matthew 6:19-20, 24)
 - _____ (Philippians 2:3-11)
 - _____ the ordinary (1 Corinthians 10:31)

- Remain in the _____

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT

Notes:

Today I am affirming and committing that I will be devoted
to pursuing my personal spiritual maturity and growth.

Signature: _____ Date: _____