

Becoming mature disciples of Jesus

Colossians 1:28-2:3

- I. The person: Spiritual maturity comes only by understanding Jesus through God's word (Colossians 1:28).
 - Do I understand the centrality of Jesus to all I am as a believer?
 - Am I growing in my knowledge of Jesus Christ through God's word?

- II. The power: Helping others mature requires hard work, but with God's power (Colossians 1:29)
 - Am I helping other believers grow or just focused on my own life?
 - Do I try to help others with my strength or God's?

- III. The process: We mature as believers only as we connect to other growing believers (Colossians 2:1-3).
 - A. Paul exerted extreme effort to encourage the Colossians spiritually (Colossians 2:1-2a).

 - B. We are encouraged spiritually as we connect with other believers about Jesus Christ (2:2b-3).
 - We connect as we love graciously and sacrificially (2:2b).
 - We connect to pursue spiritual riches in Christ together (2:2c)
 - We connect in order to seek Jesus together as the source of all wisdom (2:3).