

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- I will memorize **Proverbs 8:5 (GNB)**
- I will accept Christ for the first time or recommit my life to Christ
- I will join the New Life church family
- I will make spiritual maturity my top priority

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"Then we shall no longer be children, carried by the waves and blown about by every shifting wind of the teaching of deceitful people, who lead others into error by the tricks they invent. Instead, by speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head."

Ephesians 4:14-15 (GNB)

"Don't waste time arguing over foolish ideas and silly myths and legends. Spend your time and energy in the exercise of keeping spiritually fit." **1 Timothy 4:7 (LB)**

MEMORY VERSE:

Are you immature? Learn to be mature.

Are you foolish?

Learn to have sense.

Proverbs 8:5 (GNB)

WHAT MATURITY ISN T:

- ✓ IT'S NOT: _____

GOD SAYS MATURITY IS DETERMINED BY _____!

1. A SPIRITUALLY MATURE PERSON IS _____ UNDER PRESSURE.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." James 1:2-4 (NIV)

"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because, when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him." James 1:12 (NIV)

2. A SPIRITUALLY MATURE PERSON HAS MASTERED HIS _____.

"We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check." James 3:2 (NIV) also see vs. 3-11

"Do not let any negative talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs..." Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

"Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless." James 1:26 (NIV)

3. A SPIRITUALLY MATURE PERSON IS A PEACEMAKER NOT A _____.

"What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you?" James 4:1 (NLT)

2 SOURCES OF CONFLICT:

a. _____ CAUSES CONFLICT.

"You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure." James 4:2-3 (NLT)

b. _____ OTHERS CAUSES CONFLICT.

"Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you. God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor?" James 4:11-12 (NLT)

4. A SPIRITUALLY MATURE PERSON IS PATIENT AND _____.

"Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming... As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered." James 5:7, 11 (NIV)

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16 (NIV)

I WILL FIND A PRAYER _____.