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Sunday 9 am – **Hebrews 5:11-14** – “**IT’S TIME TO GROW UP**”

NEXT WEEK Hebrews 6:1-8 – “**IT’S NOW OR NEVER**”

Wednesday 9:30am – *Inductive Study of the Gospel of Mark*

Thursday 6:30pm – **Matthew 5:21-26** – “**ANGER & FORGIVENESS**”

MATURITY

“As I reflected on the meaning of maturity, I realized that there is a central mark of maturity. In the human physical realm, maturity is gauged by when a person is able to bear or father children. A tree is mature when it bears fruit. A stalk of grain is mature when it can be harvested. In all creation, fruit-bearing is the preeminent mark of maturity.”

Jerry White, The Power of Commitment

MATURITY

“It is a sign of maturity when we stop asking, What does life have in store for me? And start asking, What am I doing with my life?”

Harold Kushner, When All You’ve Ever Wanted Isn’t Enough

SPIRITUAL DEPTH

The well driller found water at 95 feet but insisted he ought to drill deeper because there was not enough water. He found water again at 120 feet. He was not satisfied and wanted to drill deeper. There was plenty of water at 120 feet, but it was not pure enough. He drilled deeper still until he found water that was both abundant and pure. Are our lives too shallow?

See: [1 Corinthians 3:1-3](#); [Ephesians 3:16-21](#); [4:11-15](#), [22-25](#), [29-32](#); [Philippians 3:13-15](#); [Hebrews 5:12-14](#); [James 1:2-4](#)

SPIRITUAL MATURITY

- Model the character of Christ, for this is your most powerful influence. “**Lord Jesus, may I...**”
 - —love with Your love
 - —forgive with Your forgiveness
 - —hear with Your heart.”

“In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so

that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.” (Titus 2:7-8)

- Teach God's Word as the absolute authority and standard.
 - —If God said it, believe it.
 - —If God said it, apply it.
 - —If God said it, share it.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.” (2 Timothy 3:16)
- Advise your teen to think about these questions before doing something questionable:
 - —“If I do this, will it show love for God?”
 - —“If I do this, will it show love for others?”
 - —“If I do this, will it show **love for myself**?”

“All a man's ways seem right to him, but the LORD weighs the heart.” (Proverbs 21:2)
- Pray for God to bring repercussions when your teen chooses a destructive path. Accept God's heart as revealed in His Word:

“When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, the hearts of the people are filled with schemes to do wrong.” (Ecclesiastes 8:11)

“The Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.” (Hebrews 12:6)

“No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.” (Hebrews 12:11)
- Explain the value in standing alone and separating from the compromises of the world. Explain that:
 - —You plus God make the majority.
 - —You can't do a wrong act the right way.
 - —You will never stand alone when you take a stand with God.

“Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” (2 Corinthians 6:17-18)

Biblical Counseling Keys – June Hunt

Measure your growth in grace by your sensitiveness to sin.

Oswald Chambers