

How to Be a Growing Christian

1 John 2:12-14

"To cease to be better is to cease to be good." -Oliver Cromwell

1 Corinthians 1:7; Ephesians 4:13

Maturity = Christ-likeness

The Marks of Maturity

The Three Stages of Maturity

1. The _____ of childhood.

2. The _____ of manhood.
 - a. They are _____ & _____ in the Church.
 - b. They are made _____ by the Word of God.

3. The _____ of fatherhood.
 - a. Fathers _____ through soul-winning & discipleship.
 - b. Fathers _____ for the needs of others.

Mark 3:17; 10:37; Luke 9:49-50, 54-55; John 13:23; Acts 8:14-15; 1 John 1:7

The Means of Maturity

1. There must be the _____ of life.

2. There must be the _____ of time.

3. Growth requires _____.
 - a. Your nourishment is the Word of God.

 - b. Jeremiah 15:16

4. Growth demands _____ of exercise.
 - a. Hebrews 5:14