



Message Reflections

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Read Ephesians 4:11-16.

Why is growth so important? How can we know if we're growing in spiritual maturity?

In this series, we will explore Seven Markers of Spiritual Maturity which are all necessary components of our spiritual growth. These markers are not like a menu to choose from, but like a recipe to follow in order to fully experience the Christian life in the way God intends.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
Galatians 5:22-23

- What happens when a Christian is practicing spiritual disciplines and actively engaging in things that should lead to spiritual growth, but are not developing the fruit of the Spirit in their life?

In 2 Timothy 2:2, we are given a biblical model of discipleship. We each need someone in our lives who is teaching and encouraging us in the faith, as well as someone we are teaching and encouraging in their faith journey, so that they can also do this for someone else. **Who are these people in your life?**

There are many ways available during this series to help you grow in the Seven Markers of Spiritual Maturity:

- Purchase a book and/or study guide and follow along with a group or on your own. (Register [HERE](#) for a group.)
- Take the 7 Markers assessment ([available here](#)) and engage with the recommended resources.
- Schedule a consultation about your assessment for help in finding resources and taking next steps.

When you rely on the Holy Spirit to develop the fruit of the Spirit in your life, you will naturally grow in your faith and desire to share God's love with others. Discipleship and evangelism work together! True discipleship always leads us into the world with Jesus on His mission, and true evangelism always demands more discipleship in our lives.

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