

“Maturing as a Christian-Part Two ”

Dan. 5:22-31

Introduction

- I. If God “weighed us in the balances”, what would be the verdict?
- II. Christians should constantly be working to improve in areas of deficiency.
- III. What are some more ideas to promote maturation?

Discussion

- I. Endeavor to pray more often
 - A. A Christian needs to have good prayer habits (1 Thess. 5:17-18; Luke 18:1).
 - B. Persistence and precision are very important attributes of prayer (Luke 11:1-13).
- II. Refrain from the works of the flesh
 - A. Carnality is anti-Christian (Rom. 8:6-7, 13).
 - B. The works of the flesh are able to be known (Gal. 5:19-21).
 - C. Christians should abstain from yielding to the flesh (1 Cor. 9:27; Gal. 5:24).
- III. Learn to be joyful
 - A. Being in the Lord is a great reason to rejoice (Phil. 4:4; Col. 2:6-7).
 - B. We have all spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3).
 - C. Worry comes from an Old English word that meant “to choke or strangle”.
- IV. Improve family relationships
 - A. Learn to love in the marriage union (Eph. 5:33; Titus 2:4).
 - B. Become better parents and better children (Eph. 6:4).
- V. Lead souls to the Lord
 - A. Each Christian has this responsibility (2 Tim. 2:2; 1 Pet. 3:15; Mark 16:15).
 - B. Harvest time is already here (John 4:35).

Conclusion

- I. Spiritual maturation is something for each Christian to strive.
- II. Incorporating certain activities can certainly aid in that development.
- III. Are we growing spiritually?