

The Path to Spiritual Maturity ... *1Corinthians 3*

"I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

...Galatians 5:16 (NKJV)

1. The New Life Begins...

Scripture... *Ephesians 2:1-10, Romans 6:1-7, John 14:26, Galatians 5:16-18*

- Saved by Grace...Equipped by the Spirit!
- Walking in the Spirit...We've got some Choices to Make!

2. Spiritual Youth...

Scripture... *1Corinthians 3:1-9*

3. Spiritual Growth...

Scripture... *1Corinthians 3:10-23, 1Corinthians 1:26-31*

4. Spiritual Maturity...

Scripture... *1Corinthians 2:6-16*

5. Evidence of Spiritual Maturity...

Scripture... *1Corinthians 16:13-14*

- *5 Principles for the Christian Man...*
- *The BIG QUESTION: Are you Growing in Spiritual Maturity...as a Man of God?*
 - *Why, or Why Not and What are you going to DO About It?*

Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...*be descriptive!*
2. There are things in our lives that we have allowed or have chosen to indulge in that would cause the Word of God to tell us that "you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh" (1Corinthians 3:2-3), when it comes to understanding the Word of God and experiencing consistent growth, life-change, and spiritual maturity as a faithful Man of God.
 - What kinds of choices, environments, social gatherings, media viewing, attitudes, behaviors, and perspectives, keep us from growing in spiritual maturity, and having a consistent and faithful walk with the Lord? ...*be descriptive!*
 - What kinds of choices, environments, social gatherings, media viewing, attitudes, behaviors, and perspectives, help us to grow in spiritual maturity, and build a consistent and faithful walk with the Lord? ...*be descriptive!*
3. **READ Ephesians 2:4-10** together... Talk about what it means in Verse 10, when it says, "We are His workmanship". What does the rest of the verse tell us, and how should that look in our lives every day? ...*give real life examples!*
4. **READ Romans 6:1-7** together... Describe what this is telling us...and the impact it has on our lives?
 - What steps do you need to take to make that real in your life today and every day? ...*be descriptive!*
5. Is there anything from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? In what way(s) does it affect your life? **How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?**

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)