

## Spiritual Maturity in a Man's Life ... *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...

- Saved by Grace...Equipped by the Spirit! ...*Ephesians 2:1-10, Romans 6:1-7, John 14:26*
- Walking in the Spirit...We've got some Choices to Make! ... *Galatians 5:16-18*

### 2. Spiritual Youth...

- Wanting to Grow...But Making Choices that Stunt ...*1Corinthians 3:1-9*
- Time to Grow Up!...Be a Man! ... *1Corinthians 13:11*

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### 3. Spiritual Growth...

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

### 4. Spiritual Maturity...

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

- *Holy Spirit and God's Word...always in perfect alignment, and points to Jesus!*

### 5. Evidence of Spiritual Maturity...

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

- **5 Principles for the Christian Man...**
- **Characteristics of a Man of God...**
  - *Be Watchful...*
  - *Stand Firm in the Faith...*
  - *Act Like a Man...*
  - *Be Strong...*
  - *Let All that You Do...Be Done in Love...*

## Group Discussion

1. When it comes to understanding the Word of God and experiencing consistent growth, life-change, and spiritual maturity in your life...

- Do you find yourself continuing with the same struggles, or compromising, as you did 6 months ago? What kinds of choices, environments, social gatherings, media viewing, attitudes, behaviors, and perspectives, keep you from growing in spiritual maturity, and having a consistent and faithful walk with the Lord? ...*be descriptive!*
- Would you say that you've grown over the past 6 months? What kinds of choices, environments, social gatherings, media viewing, attitudes, behaviors, and perspectives, help you to grow in spiritual maturity, and build a consistent and faithful walk with the Lord? ...*be descriptive!*

2. How can you discern between different thoughts that come to mind, and the Spirit of God speaking into your life?

- How has the Holy Spirit of God spoken into your life in the past, or given you Biblical understanding of something that had previously been difficult to make sense of?

3. **READ Hebrews 12:1-3** together... How does this scripture relate to Spiritual Maturity, and what are some examples of how obeying this instruction will lead to a stronger walk with the Lord Jesus each day... ...*give real life examples!*

4. How do you find balance in the description of a Man of God in **1Corinthians 16:13**, with the final listed attribute identified in **1Corinthians 16:13**?

- Describe what each listed characteristic looks like in your life today...

5. How are you doing in your growth as a Man of God, your spiritual maturity, and your daily life choices? What areas do you need to grow in and how are you going to do it?

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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!)*

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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*)