

Who We Are at FBC

God's Goal for Us

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God's Goal for Us? **"Present everyone mature in Christ"**

How does this happen?

1. Begins with _____

- A. Paul's prays for it in 2 Corinthians 13:9
- B. Part of Epaphras' prayer in Colossians 4:12

2. Evidence of a _____ of maturity

1 Corinthians 3:1-4, Hebrews 5:11-13

- A. _____: struggles in relationships _____
- B. Slow to _____: Not talking a learning disability but an issue of the heart. _____
- C. _____ to share

Do I see signs of this in my own life?

3. How to _____ in our maturity

Hebrew 5:14

- A. Being _____ and _____ in the Word

See this in the life of Paul in Philippians 3:12ff

How do you go about your relationship with God?

B. _____ James 1:2-4

Testing – perseverance- maturity

How does this work?

Learn to trust in God, to hold firm in what you believe is true. Learn to depend upon God more for strength and help. Shows ones love and commitment to God even when things are not easy or pleasant. Learn to wait.

Are you willing to embrace that trials are necessary for your maturity and are good because of what they can produce in you?

C. _____ Colossians 2:1-3

“encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding,”

Paul is saying that our growth is directly tied to our hearts begin bound in love with the church body

Isolation stifles growth, we need one another and to be in relationship with each other in His Love

How willing are you to be vulnerable and let others love on you?

Closing thoughts:

Search your heart and see if you truly want to mature in your faith, no matter what the cost. Do you need to begin praying about this?

Of the three elements that help bring about maturity...discipline, trials, relationships: is there a need to change your thinking about any of them? Which ones do you need to develop in more? Action steps? Talk