

THE MARCH CONTINUES...FOLLOW ME
"Becoming More Like Jesus: Spiritual Growth and Maturity"
Matthew 9:9-13 (Pew Bible Page 687)

The challenge of perpetual spiritual immaturity...
We grow OLDER but never GROW UP

*"In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers,
you need someone to teach you the elementary things of
God's Word all over again, You need milk, not solid food."*
Hebrews 5:12

MYTHS ABOUT SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND MATURITY

1. It is not measured by ATTENDANCE
2. It is not BELIEFS
3. It is not how YOU ACT AT CHURCH
4. It is not PERFECTION

TO BECOME LIKE JESUS YOU MUST FIRST SPEND TIME WITH JESUS

"If you want to be my disciples, you must come and follow me, because my servants must be where I am."
John 12:26 (NLT)

"The plan was that they should be with him, and then he would send them out to proclaim His word."
Mark 3:14 (Mes)

Spiritual Growth and Maturity is a

1. CHOICE
2. COMMITMENT
3. RELATIONSHIP

BECOMING LIKE JESUS
The Principles of Spiritual Growth and Maturity

1. Spiritual growth and maturity is INCARNATIONAL
"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me..." Galatians 2:20

We grow by Christ LIVING THROUGH US
Philippians 2:12-13

2. Spiritual growth and maturity is INTENTIONAL

"If you want to be my disciple, you must come and follow me" John 12:26

We grow by making COMMITMENTS

3. Spiritual growth and maturity is INCREMENTAL

"Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'" Matthew 16:24

We grow through STEPS

4. Spiritual growth and maturity is PERSONAL

We grow according to our SHAPE