

Maturing in Our Togetherness



Ephesians 4:16

- Today we will bring a conclusion to the whole matter concerning “We Must Mature.”
- I shared with you that the intent of these messages:
- Keep in our hearts the process for maturity.
 - 1) We must first learn to mature in love.
 - 2) We must mature in faith.
 - 3) We must mature in knowledge.
 - 4) We must mature in works.
 - 5) We must mature by not walking in fear.
 - 6) We must mature in our walk.

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Eph. 4:11-16

- Verses 12 thru 16 – I am going to give you your area of responsibility.
 1. Each one of us has the responsibility to work our ministry.
 2. Each one of us has the responsibility to come into the place called unity.
 3. Each one of us has the responsibility to be no more children.
 4. Each one of us has the responsibility to grow up into Him.
 5. Each of one us has the responsibility to make increase into the body.

How to Mature in Togetherness

- I am a joint in the body of Christ.
- In order to do that I must come into together with my part.
- Until we get together with ourselves and become a unit that functions within ourselves, we will never get together with the person sitting next to us.
- Togetherness – two-part word – (1) one or same; (2) mind – one mind, the same mind or one accord.
- To develop personal maturity within the trinity of my person, I must:

1. I must settle in my heart what I believe (James 1).
 - A. Until we make sure that we are in the faith and not our faith.
 - B. Until we make sure that temptation does not pull us away from the faith.
 - C. Until we make sure we are patient when the faith is tried (tested).
 - D. Until we make sure through patience we come to full maturity.
 - E. Until we make sure that our wisdom comes from God and not man.
 - F. Until we make sure that you do not waver in and out of the faith.
 - G. Until we make sure that you avoid being double minded.
 - James 1:1- You don't know how strong you are until you get alone and not around the saints.
 - If you don't settle in your heart what you believe, you are going to confuse the trinity of your person.

2. I must settle in my heart that I am in the right local church.
 - If I am to settle in my heart that I am in the right local church, there are some serious questions I must ask myself.
 - 1) What have I received in my local church that I couldn't purchase with money?
 - 2) Has my local church moved away from spiritual dead works?
 - 3) Has my local church moved away from natural dead works?
 - 4) Does the teaching in my local church build the body of Christ or is the teaching designed to build the institution or denomination?
 - 5) Am I really better off now?
 - 6) Is my local church a respecter of persons?
 - 7) Is the pastor in my local church the object of worship or is Jesus Christ the object of worship?
 - These are some serious questions we must answer.

3. We must make a resolve to mature.
 - A. I am going to bring my body under subjection to the Word of God.
 - B. I must bring my mind under subjection to the Word of God.
 - C. I must tell my inner man that from now on "I am going to guard you from every wind of doctrine."