

IV. FACTS ABOUT SPIRITUAL MATURITY

1. IT'S NOT _____

"You have been Christians for a long time now, and you ought to be teaching others, but instead ... you need someone to teach you ... When a person is still living on milk, it shows he isn't very far along in the Christian life ... He's still a baby Christian!" Heb. 5:12-13 (LB)

2. IT IS A _____

"Learn to be mature." Prov. 8:5 (GN)

"Continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18 (GN)

3. IT TAKES _____

"Take **the time and the trouble** to keep yourself spiritually fit." 1Tim. 4:7b (Ph)

"Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness." (NASB)

V. UNDERSTANDING DISCIPLESHIP

1. Mature believers are called _____

2. I cannot be a disciple without being _____

3. The more disciplined I become _____

4. The mark of a disciple is _____

(Jesus) "Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:27

5. How often am I to do this? _____

(Jesus) "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross **daily**, and follow me. Luke 9:23

6. What is involved in "cross bearing"?

_____ to give Christ first place in my life!

VI. HOW CAN I BECOME A DISCIPLE?

Answer: Develop _____

"... You have **put off the old self** with its **HABITS**, and have put on the new self ... which God is continually renewing in his own image, to bring you to a full knowledge of himself." Col. 3:9-10

1. The Habit of A _____

2. The Habit of _____

"If you **continue in my Word**, then you are my disciples indeed. And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

3. The Habit of _____

4. The Habit of _____

5. The Habit of the _____

"None of you can be my disciple unless **he gives up all of his possessions**." Luke 14:33 (JB)

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always **put God first** in your lives." Deut. 14:23

6. The Habit of _____

Romans 12:1-2

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7. The Habit of _____

"Love each other just as much as I love you. Your **strong love for each other** will prove to the world that you are my disciples." John 13:34-35 (LB)