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Matthew 6:33; 1 John 2:6;
2 Chronicles 16:9

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**THE BEGINNING PATHWAY TO GAIN MAXIMUM
MATURITY IN CHRIST-LIKENESS IN ORDER TO
RELATE MAXIMUMLY TO GOD IN ETERNITY
(Gaining this Maturity Is Why We Are Here.)**

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INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND ORIENTATION, AND GETTING STARTED●¹

(After This Study, Study My Reference Documents for More Principles To Live Out.●²)

We are on earth first to become a Christian by believing the Gospel●³ so we can go to heaven after death and then, most importantly afterward, to gain a maximum maturity in Christ-likeness. The latter is so we can relate personally to our most perfect infinite God toward His maximum “in all eternity.” ●⁴

Apart from gaining this mature walk, having an in-depth-breadth personal relationship with God, in the eternal view, there is nothing. So not to pursue maturity is to make a most terrible eternal mistake. **“The main job” of the Church, with excellence, is to greatly mature her people, not just work for some Christian growth.●⁵ Thus, we need to search the Scriptures for all the items that, taken together, describe a maximum mature person and for a list of all the steps we must to live out experientially to get there and then do nothing else.●⁶ We can record our findings in a computer and update our**

1. REFERENCE BIBLE: We used the New American Bible, an accurate translation, for our Scriptures.

2. MY WEB SITE REFERENCES (Under Training): (1) *Keys to Becoming Mature in Christ-likeness In Godly Relationship Living*, Updated August 15, 2009; 33 Pages; (2) *Some Signs and Characteristics of Being Mature in Christ*, November 2011; 9 pages; (3) *Seek God's Best and Greatness: (Pursue Spiritual Maturity in Christ-Likeness as God Commands With Excellence and Great Commitment)*; March 28, 2007; 18 Pages; (4) My ppt charts: *Christian-life Relationship Principles*; 141 charts.

3. GOSPEL: *1 Corinthians 15:1-4: Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, Knowing this, we must activate our faith such as by a prayer that we believe.*

4. NOT A CHRISTIAN AT DEATH: if one is not a Christian when they die, they will go to the Lake of Fire after death, not to heaven, as an alternate way for God to satisfy His Justice for sin. They will not get to know and walk with God. It is a most terrible eternal situation.

5. MATURITY LEVEL: Having less maturity than maximum, we will still have a most perfect life with God, but we will most likely be used of and know God to a lesser degree. But we have all eternity to know of God.

6. TRAIN WITH FULL CURRICULUM: *Acts 20:26-27 "Therefore I testify to you this day, that I am innocent of the blood of all men. "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.*

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findings when we learn more. We have a first cut on my web site.

Our most infinite and perfect God and the Lord Jesus Christ have existed forever. They have never had a beginning. God created us and our universe so we could exist and most importantly to have a most perfect life, knowing and relating to Him throughout all eternity. He has perfect and complete infinite attributes●⁷ and thus, He is the only one capable of guiding our lives in perfect living in holiness and righteousness without error or sin. Thus, He is the only one who can work all things together for good in our lives in perfection and without sin (Romans 8:28). We, being created beings, have no knowledge of the Truth apart from Him, and we are without ability to guide our lives independently without sin, that requires a justice to be satisfied.

Thus, all things in our lives must come from God as a source and He must work, as we obey, all things together for our good. Then we have perfect lives. The only source we have from Him today is the Holy Bible in the most accurate translations (e.g. *King James* and *New American Standard Bibles*). He directs us to obey His instructions in them.

We have a perfect role model to follow (and we are commanded to do so, 1 John 2:6); the Lord Jesus Christ. He did only what came from the God the Father as a source. He did nothing from Himself as a source. Thus, when people saw Him, they saw the Father working out through Him. (John 14:7-11) **We are here to train to live the same way with the Father working out through us (with nothing from the world or from ourselves as a source.)** We sin when we, ourselves, attempt to work all things together for our good, using things from the world and ourselves as a source (such as using things not in the Bible including music and signs and not maturing our people and not adequately evangelizing out in the community as commanded.) Not being mature in Christ, we all live this way to some extent on the way to becoming mature. This is sin.

**HOW DO WE LIVE AND TRAIN, TO GAIN A MAXIMUM MATURITY,
SO GOD WILL WORK ALL THINGS TOGETHER FOR OUR GOOD,
WHERE WE LIVE HOLY AND RIGHTEOUSLY, WITHOUT SIN●⁸**

(And When We No Longer Wrongly Try Ourselves to Work All Things Together for Our Good, and We No Longer Use Things from the World, and Ourselves as a Source.)

There are two necessary (fundamental) ways (plus others - see references) to live holy and righteously gaining maturity, without sin, (that allows God to work all things together for good in our lives,) applying things from God as a source. These are by activated love and by activated

7. **GOD'S ATTRIBUTES (My web site under Training):** *The Attributes of God (The Greatness of God); 2 Pages.*

8. **ALERT:** It is most likely that the level of the spiritual maturity we have in Christ-likeness at death, we will have forever. When we die, our sin natures and the training environment are removed. We enter eternity with whatever has been trained in our divine natures which cannot sin. **We need to pursue gaining maximum maturity now. This is the main reason we are here so we can walk maximumly with our infinite God so we can learn much about Him and walk in a closer greater fellowship. Apart from walking with Him, especially toward His maximum throughout eternity, there is nothing.**

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faith (faith through love.) (Galatians 5:6; Ephesians 3:17).●⁹ We can add other needed principles later. **But living by love and by faith are essential and mandatory for us to help gain maximum maturity in Christ-likeness.**●¹⁰

1. **LIVING BY LOVE:** If we love God with all our hearts, appreciating His Infinite Greatness, we will obey His commandments (activating our love). We must know what they are.●¹¹ **When we do, we live holy and righteously and get to know God.** Looking for His leading, we will know what commandments to obey. This will also be in ministry. (So we will search the Bible to find His commandments.) (Matthew 22:37; John 14:15, 21, 23; 15:10)●¹²

2. **LIVING BY FAITH:** Living by faith, we will trust God to fulfill His promises to us. We must know what they are. We will (must) activate our faith by obeying the instructions with the promise.●¹³ God will lead us to know which promise to claim by our faith. Then God works all things together for good in our lives. *Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.* When we walk by faith we will not know what the out come will be when we begin. We, then, will live without sin, because all is coming from God as a source, nothing from us as a source. And we gain revelation from (of) the Scriptures. (So we will search for His promises and memorize them to be used at His leading.) (Romans 1:17; Hebrews 11:6; 2 Peter 1:28; James 2:20-26) (We are saved by living (activated) faith, not by faith alone.)●¹⁴●¹⁵ **Walking by faith, we will be in God's work leading people to believe the Gospel and maturing them in Christ-likeness.**

9. **WEB SITE DOCUMENT:** *Summary: Thoughts re Walking By Faith Through Love; Producing Good Works;* April 2007; 3 Pages.

10. **CHRISTIAN-LIFE RELATIONSHIP PRINCIPLES:** I Have taught Christian-Life Relationship Principles with its many living life principles that includes walking by strong faith and by love for many years.

11. **LOVING GOD:** *John 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. 1 Corinthians 13:13 But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:2 And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith,....., but do not have love, I am nothing.*

12. **COMMANDMENTS:** I have a web site document: *Living by God's Righteousness* that presents over 300 commandments from the Bible (plus our topics needed for the Christian life).

13. **FAITH WITHOUT WORKS (ACTIVATION) IS DEAD):** *James 2:20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? 2:22 You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; 2:24 You see that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone. 2:26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.*

14. **PROMISES IN OUR WEB SITE DOCUMENT (Under Training):** *Promises to Memorize and Claim for an Enhanced Walk with Our God In Godly Relationship Living;* Updated September 30, 2011; 5 Pages.

15. **WE MUST LIVE BY FAITH:** God exists everywhere simultaneously. Thus, we can never see Him as a person, including in heaven. This requires us to live by faith that He exists and is leading us. Of course, we get to know Him by relating to our Lord Jesus Christ. We can see Him when we are near Him. But with billions of Christians in heaven, this may not be very often. Thus, God uses a chain of command of us Christians in heaven.

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USE OUR WEB SITE PPT CHARTS TO LEARN TO WALK BY FAITH: Under Training: *Christian-life Relationship Principles; Part Four: Living by Faith*; 66 Charts.

NOTE: When we live by biblical faith and love in relationship to God, we live by the only perfect life for us that exists. I have a web site document under Training: *Living By God's Righteousness* that contains many commandments and promises. I have web site ppt charts that present the big picture. You can use them to train yourselves and others.

NEXT STEP FOR READERS (STUDENTS): After studying and living by love and by faith, read and study the reference documents listed in footnote #2 for additional principles (doctrines) to live out which are also essential to becoming maximumly mature in Christ-likeness. Living by faith and love are a necessary beginning. **None of us no doubt have reached (or will reach) the very maximum maturity, but we can (should) pursue and gain the maximum we can have. We can help each other here, including to be involved in God's work.**

But if one does not pursue actively gaining maximum maturity, one will pay a most terrible eternal price, because one will most likely relate to and be used by our infinite God to a much lessor extent. As being said, apart from relating to God in His depth and infinite perfection to the greatest we can have, there is nothing, especially when we live in eternity.

In my view, everyone should want to walk in close fellowship with our infinite perfect God. So, they should want to pursue learning to walk by love and by faith with excellence. In Heaven, we will all learn much more of God as eternity time goes by. But the more mature in Christ-likeness will most likely learn much-much more per unit eternal time. Of course, all of us as believers will have infinity to get to know and relate to Him toward His maximum, but at different rates and different lengths of time.●¹⁶

16. ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES REFERENCING GAINING MATURITY IN CHRIST:

2 Corinthians 10:5 - We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and **we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,**

*Ephesians 3:16-19 - that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man; so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints **what is the breadth and length and height and depth,** and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, **that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God.** Ephesians 4:13 - until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.***

*Colossians 1:28 - And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, **that we may present every man complete in Christ.***

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, **let us press on to maturity,**

*James 1:2-4 - Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. **And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.***