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

**SUMMARY OF MAIN REPORT:
SEEK GOD'S BEST AND GREATNESS:
Pursue Spiritual Maturity in Christ-Likeness
as God Commands
With Excellence and Great Commitment**

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REPORT SUMMARY

This report is meant for those who want God's best in life and are willing to pay the price to obey Him so that it can happen. It is for those who want to know and live by God's Greatness. We need to see that God has only one program for people. This is that they first become Christians, and thereafter, reach a maximum mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living patterned after Christ's walk with God the Father. This is so that, in eternity, they will have an intimate relationship with God where He will direct every aspect of our life to a degree in His depth-breadth. They can then live holy and righteous lives under His infinite Greatness and in close fellowship with Him. Those who want to know and be used of God toward His maximum, must in this lifetime be working toward gaining a maximum maturity. This report provides insights for how we can pursue gaining the maturity that we all need. That which I know I need. We can help each other on this divine trek.

But carefully recognize that those who know little of God's Word and obey what they know can be more mature than many of us who know much of His Word, but are doing much less with it. Our works demonstrate to a large degree of our maturity in Christ. Thus, those in persecuted countries can have more maturity than many in the United States. We need to get God's Word to the whole world so that responders can become mature.

But for us to become mature, we need to be outcome oriented in the concept that knowing and relating to God toward His depth-breadth in our actual experience is most important. That is, we need to see that just becoming a Christian and working for some Christian growth, where vital, are not the most important ideas. In order to know and relate to God toward His depth-breadth toward the utmost, we need a mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness. Many of us believe that things will just work out some how in eternity. ***The Bible does not directly teach whether or not our maturities will increase in heaven.*** But because God commands us to pursue maturity, if we do not, there can be penalties. This report will show that there are Bible indicators (not proofs) that signal that the maturity in Christ we have at death, we can have forever. God may use our maturities in eternity in different ways we can know now.

We must realize that God's ways, goals, methods, and standards can be very different than we understand or have. We gain understanding by reading the Bible and comparing Scripture with Scripture. We gain understanding by living out what we believe. When observing His Word and the world in which we live, we see people in various degrees of sin and in various degrees of walking with and serving God. We see many very faithful people, but few that we can recognize with a large maturity. Many know much doctrine, but without having a sufficient life and works. We are being taught some of God's Word, but with little action to teach His whole counsel. We have very few people who can *accurately handle the word of truth* below the notion level. In fact today, we have a major falling away

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from God's Word to do what people believe should be done.

2 Timothy 2:15 - Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.

In this falling away, many of our churches today are departing from an excellence before God, going much their own way. Many are doing good things with good results at the fundamental and human levels. But they have adopted characteristics of what many call the Church Growth Movement, consisting of seeker-friendly and emerging churches. They are departing from His best and Greatness. This is demonstrated by their going to mainly only first-level training in order to reach the youth. They are doing but little to evangelize their local areas and with a complete Gospel. As a result, they train for some Christian growth, but without also training in depth-breadth including for how we train to work toward having a maximum maturity. Thus, our churches are falling short. They are not seeking God's best and do not appreciate God's Greatness by not seeking all of what He wants done and to the degree He wants it done. They are choosing their own way and methods of doing things.

To have God's best, we should appreciate God's Greatness such that we, as believers in the Gospel (Christians), pursue maturity in Christ-likeness and **all** that God wants done with commitment and excellence. It is much-much more than just becoming Christians. We should appreciate all that is needed for the Christian life, work, and worship is in His Word. We should not take any independent action or initiative apart from His Word as many churches are doing and have been doing. He may lead us to do specific studies for maturity and specific ministries within His overall direction found in His Word.

God commands us to pursue maturity in Christ-likeness so that we can know and relate to our perfect and infinite God in His depth-breadth. This begins by learning to live as Christ lives. He is our role model. By His works, He demonstrated that the Father was in Him and He was in the Father. The works came from the Father. Only by knowing and relating to God as Christ lives can we live holy and righteously in a perfect life without sin. In eternity, we will have an intimate fellowship with Him and each other. As people say, we can glorify and enjoy Him forever. ***But what are we now pursuing? Apart from this relationship, there is nothing.***

We must realize that for us to live perfect lives without sin, we must live as designed by our perfect God. This life is written only in His Bible. We must realize that we do not have any ability in ourselves to live a perfect life. Thus, all of life for knowledge, direction, thinking, choice of works, and action must by necessity come from God as a source. Thus, what God has planned is that He will direct our every thought and action in eternity. We are to work toward this now. But to respond to God especially toward the maximum, we need a high-skill spiritual ability. God's purpose for this lifetime is for us to gain this ability. Thus, in order to have the best life we can have, we should pursue maturity in Christ-likeness with excellence as God commands. We should carry out the works He gave us to do in scope and breadth. Thus, we should work under God's leading and working in us to become mature in Christ, not just work for some spiritual growth. We should be outcome oriented. We should work with other churches to evangelize complete local areas, and not just do some evangelism. When we are involved in God's work of evangelism and discipleship, seeing Him change and effect lives including ours, we have great excitement in the Lord.

Regardless of what other churches are doing or not doing, we must pursue God's best to know and live by His Greatness. In our faithfulness, we must ensure to mature our people and engage them in area-wide evangelism. We know doubt will find ourselves in a small minority.

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Thus, the Church's main (only) job is to train and help her people, including her children and youth, to reach a maximum mature high-skill spiritual ability in Christ-likeness in relationship living. God may have given us only this lifetime to gain this maturity.

We are to live by faith in God to fulfill His promises and we activate our faith by carrying out the instructions in the promise. Thus, we are living by what comes from God as a source. When we do, then, we live without sin and we gain more revelation from God. We are to live by sacrificial love for God and each other such that we obey God commandments and serve and help each other. When we do we live holy and righteous lives abiding in God's love and know of God's heart. We can know God when we have a pure heart - no immorality. We are to be faithful with divine works, led of God. Without works, our faith is dead. God does not respond to dead faith. Without divine works from the Bible, we may not be Christians. All Christians will have some divine works.

Because God is Omnipresent, we may never see God the Father physically. He is everywhere all at once. But we can see and learn of Him spiritually, knowing His Word and by observing the Lord Jesus Christ and each other, as we live out what God the Father is working in us only from Himself as a source. This can be one of the main ways we can learn of God the Father. This is how our Lord Jesus lives. We are to live as He lives.

In their falling away of not adequately maturing their people and doing area-wide evangelism, our churches do not recognize they are implementing satanic strategy of the dialectic process. Such action in the dialectic process is producing an immature church with a loss of biblical intellect and with a low plateau of biblical knowledge. It is leading to socialism and the endtimes world government. Our church people now are becoming quite biblically illiterate. Fewer and fewer people now know and can teach God's Word in any depth-breadth, including that of Bible prophecy.

As this situation progresses, we are now entering into the darkest spiritual period of all history. In such action, churches are forfeiting and limiting their knowing and relating to God to the degree He desires and has planned for us both now and especially in eternity. ***Church leadership is responsible for this falling away.*** This falling away is leading to the endtimes Tribulation. Signs signal it can come at any time.

Churches should now take immediate action to ensure they are maturing their people, including their children and youth, and briefing them of the coming endtimes for what they can expect to happen and experience. The minimum training should consist of: (1) Christian-Faith Doctrines including God's Attributes and Greatness; (2) God's Plan for history including the spiritual warfare and endtimes prophecy; and (3) Christian-Life Relationship Principles.

Christian-Life Relationship Principles include: (1) worshiping, obeying, honoring, pleasing, and glorifying God; (2) living the godly life in relationship living patterned after Christ's walk with the Father by faith and sacrificial love; (3) helping to accomplish God's work of evangelism, discipleship, planting churches, building godly families, and reaching out to the needy; and (4) believing and standing strong on the Christian Faith Doctrines. Look for training on my web site.

But for you and I, what ever has been the past, let us have the best future we can. Let us pursue maturity with some urgency in Christ as God commands and have the best future we can.

Phillippians 3:13 - Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do:

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forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,