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

Summary of Main Report Keys to Becoming Mature in Christ-likeness In Relationship Living

(Needed for Now and in Eternity to Know and to Relate to
Our Perfect God Toward His Fullness in Depth-Breadth)

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PURPOSE: This report's purpose is to alert you to ensure you are seeking maturity in Christ-likeness as God commands that we do. This maturity is needed now, but especially in eternity to know and relate to our perfect God in His perfection in His depth-breadth. We then can walk in His holiness and righteousness in close fellowship with Him and each other. We will walk by faith and sacrificial love. Our purpose is also to point the way the Bible teaches how we can gain this spiritual maturity by sharing aspects or keys to what is involved and study topics by which we can train.

SPIRITUAL MATURITY: We become spiritually mature in Christ in the ultimate when we walk as Christ does thinking and doing only what comes from God the Father. Then when people observe Him they see God the Father because He, from Himself is doing nothing. We are to live this way. When we do, we have a testimony of God working in us and people will see God, not us, because from ourselves, we will be doing nothing. When we walk as Christ walks, God works all things together for our ultimate good. This makes Him God. We will pursue this maturity when we come to love God and appreciate His Greatness. To become mature, we need to walk by faith trusting God to fulfill His promises. Then we live without sin and gain revelation from and of God. We need to live by love of God and each other and demonstrate that love by keeping God's commandment as we sacrificially serve Him and each other. There are other key aspects shared in the main report. We do not know them all, but we shared some key ones.

TERMINOLOGY: There are many skill levels of spiritual abilities before we reach the ultimate mature walk of walking as Christ walks in the different categories of needed items associated with the walk. We can become proficient at different skill levels and in the different categories without yet reaching the maturity of walking as Christ walks. We most likely will not reach the ultimate maturity walking as Christ walks. As a Church, we all have different proficiencies and spiritual abilities in the different categories. For example, we can be very committed to follow Christ and do His work without yet having learned to walk by adequate faith and sacrificial love. We may not have learned of God's Greatness and by default, or being untrained, we attempt to work all things together for good ourselves by choosing direction and ways not in the Bible - from ourselves as a source. We are all in a growth process. In the main report, I call these different proficiencies and skill levels different maturity levels. But we mean that the ultimate or full maturity (highest possible maturity level) is living at the high-skill spiritual ability of walking as Christ walks. We are to train so that we can closely approach His walk. God commands that we walk that way and that we pursue maturity.

GAINING MATURITY: We gain in spiritual proficiency as we train academically and practically in some on-the-job training in the following: (1) Worship and Glorify God; (2) Live godly lives patterned after Christ's walk with the Father including by faith and love; (3) Helping to accomplish God's work; and (4) Standing Strong on Christian-Faith Doctrines. A good training curriculum will consist of at least (1) Christian-Faith Doctrines with the Attributes and Greatness of God; (2) Christian-Life Relationship Principles (encompassing 1-3 above; and (3) God's Plan for history including the spiritual warfare and endtimes prophecy.

ETERNITY: The Bible data supports the concept that the spiritual ability or proficiency we have at death, we can have forever without allowance in eternity for improvement. The Bible does not directly teach whether or not our spiritual maturity we have at death will be forever or can increase in heaven. We of course have many questions about babies and new converts dying. God commands that we pursue this maturity, so we have no option but to do so. But we should hedge about being wrong in the case our maturity is fixed at death and pursue it as commanded. Then we will have God's best regardless of what happens and how He uses it. But if it is fixed at death, and we do not adequately pursue it, we pay a most terrible penalty for it effects how well we can know and relate to God toward His fullest throughout eternity. And apart from this, there is nothing. But we realize that being in heaven with some maturity is better than not existing. We should pursue God's best for our lives as He commands, regardless of our station in life.