

20. What is "two-way" prayer-waiting?



## **SUGGESTED ANSWERS** **to Discussion Questions**

### **Chapter 1 - "MATURITY, NOT PERFECTION"**

1. In Hebrews 6:1-That they should grow up from a state of childhood to the fullness of the stature of the mature man in Christ.
2. Six
3. Foundation-principles. --- Repentance from dead work. Faith towards God. The doctrine of baptisms. Laying on of hands. The resurrection of the dead. Eternal judgment.
4. Imaginative treatment that seeks to show an author's or artist's conception of perfection.
5. To be concerned with acts in accordance with actual facts, rather than ideals, feelings and imagined perfection.
6. zeal gone to seed.
7. To be concerned with acts in accordance with actual facts rather than ideals, feelings and imagined perfection.
8. People and their needs.
9. Complete, fully grown, mature.
10. Focus on the doctrinal error of others with no attention given to our own need for correction/growth.
11. Embezzler.

12. **1. Intend to replace the stolen funds. 2. Embezzlers are always fearful of being caught. 3. Often spend their embezzled funds on others. 4. Are often religious. 5. Are often suicidal.**
13. **To produce mature disciples so as we follow Jesus we can lead others to know Him.**
14. **A contradiction.**
15. **In Philippians 3:10-15 To attain to the resurrection from the dead.**

## **Chapter 2 - "GOAL OF MATURITY"**

1. **"...I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me."**
2. **...making proper response to the challenges and opportunities of life.**
3. **I WOULD BE LIKE JESUS**
4. **As we wait for something special, big or religious to happen.**
5. **"'Stop wailing,' Jesus said. She is not dead but asleep."**
6. **God's opportunity for ministering to people.**
7. **Jesus rebuked His disciples and blessed the children.**
8. **Maturity.**
9. **The accusers.**
10. **Made a mistake by prejudging people.**
11. **"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve others."**
12. **To settle back on our laurels, and fail to soar where the eagles fly.**

## **Chapter 3- "MATURITY: GOD'S REQUIREMENTS"**

- 1. "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."**
- 2. Write them--1, 2, 3, then expound them in a 3, 2, 1 order.**
- 3. "...humble yourselves under the might hand of God...that He may exalt you in due time,"**
- 4. 1 Chronicles 4:10-- "Oh that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!"**
- 5. "SOLD BY GOD the Great Realtor."**
- 6. 35 years.**
- 7. Micah 6:6-8 -- Fear God...Do kindness ... Do justice....**
- 8. "If I Can Help Somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain."**
- 9. "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you."**
- 10. "He went about doing good." Acts 10:38.**
- 11. Love in action.**
- 12. Unkind.**
- 13. Micah 6:8-- "To act justly..."**
- 14. Matthew 5:43-45: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you."**
- 15. Micah 3:1-3? The evil of injustice.**
- 16. He reviewed 1 Corinthians 7 and let the matter rest.**
- 17. "For we know Him who said, 'Vengeance is Mine; I will repay,'"**

says the Lord." Hebrews 10:30, 31.

18. "Judge not, that ye be no judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall measured to you again."

19. Children who go to Sunday school have a higher personality rating than those who do not.

20. "The second thing I had to overcome was the rage at the people who put the LSD in her drink."

## **Chapter 4 - "FAITH: A GREAT TOOL OF MATURITY"**

1. power to become

2. Proverbs 3:5,6

3. On the other side of a creek in an animal path

4. the role

5. 300

6. "in My power"

7. 1. Will This surgery put Imalee in a Care Home?

2. Will this surgery effect Imalee's personality... 3. What will be the cost?

8. Time to think, pray and talk with church Elders.

9. "Wait a little longer and see what God can do."

10. 1. Commit a matter to God in prayer....2. Lean not on our own understanding....

3. Wait on God for the answer.

11. "Lord, it's Your Revival!"

12. People.... Circumstances....Limits....Handicaps...Our paths

13. Lift us up

14. He will direct our paths
15. \$200. month
16. Wal Mart
17. God will supply our need
18. So large it nearly sank the boat
19. See answer to Q. 10
20. 1. Trust in the Lord with all our heart....2. Acknowledge the Lord in all our ways.

## **Chapter 5**

### **"LOVE MATURES US TO BE LIKE GOD"**

1. "Love is a commitment to give whatever it takes to meet another's need in spite of the cost to me."
2. Unselfishness.
3. Love.
4. Practice.
5. "Love your neighbor as yourself."
6. Loving ourselves properly.
7. A man needs a sense of his own worth.
8. People who are like lost sheep must be loved, and sought until they are redeemed.
9. Love matures as we remember and practice some of virtues named in Corinthians 13.
10. The world.
11. The owner.
12. forgiveness, understanding, and acceptance.
13. Love suffers long. Love bears all things. Love hopes all things. Love believes all things. Love endures all things.
14. He makes it plain that He is the sinners friend.

15. 1) He knew how to think and act ... 2) He still remembered home and knew where it was 3) He knew he wanted to be home even as a servant .... 4) He knew how to get home... 5) Sin and time left him a humble lad ... 6) He knew his sin was against His Father ... 7) He knew how to say "I'm sorry" ... 8) He knew how to accept forgiveness and how to forgive himself (vss. 22-24)
16. forgive and forget.
17. heart felt hope.
18. I Corinthians 13 love suffers long....is kind ... does not envy ... does not parade ... is not puffed up ... does not behave rudely ... does not seek its own ... is not provoked ... thinks no evil ... does not rejoice in iniquity ... hopes all things ... endures all things ... love never fails.
19. "compassionate towards those who are manifestly penitents."
20. often blind.
21. He was disobedient in his spirit.
22. He focused on his brother's shortcomings.
23. He was blinded by self.
24. Practice love now.

## **Chapter 6**

### **"PRAISE TESTS OUR MATURITY"**

1. A compliment to you---you had the courage to stick your neck out and try something.
2. BORN TO WIN.
3. We will have VICTORY in all our living and serving if we will count our trials as JOY.
4. "testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have it perfect work, that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing."

5. **The dynamic power that helps you survive.**
6. **"What I want instead is your true thanks to God."**
7. **"...get a grip on every thought that does not bring glory to God."**
8. **"...count it all joy when you fall into various trials."**
9. **"PRAISED THE LORD for the locked brakes.**
10. **"...knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience."**
11. **"Divine favor, power freely given to undeserving people."**
12. **Patience is the bottom line of giving thanks for all things.**
13. **"Praised the Lord in all things!"**
14. **They PRAISED THE LORD for the drought, than thanked Him for the moisture which He would send.**
15. **"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who love us."**
16. **Many family and friends engaging in prayer.**
17. **Todd Walters who sure has the "touch of God's gift of ministering."**
18. **"By pressing onward by thanking/praising the Lord at the beginning of each day for all that is going to happen in that day."**
19. **The attitude of PRAISE!**
20. **"The shorter the time of our struggle to choose to give God praise in a particular circumstance, the greater our spiritual maturity."**

## **Chapter 7**

### **"An Exercise in Maturity: Seeking God's Will"**

1. **"Because people will not seek and follow God's directions."**

2, Luke 11:9 . "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

3. He spent a day of prayer and fasting.

4. 1) Total openness to God's leading---prayer, perhaps fasting.

2) Prayerfully select something that when it happens you will know the Lord is "speaking." 3) Prayerfully select something you cannot manipulate.

4) Prayerfully select something the devil cannot manipulate.

5. The sparrows and has the hairs on our head numbered.

6. "fleece"-- "A thing, or event provided or acted upon by God so as to provide Divine directions for our lives; also referenced as a guidance covenant."

7. "Lord, if You will us to move from Indiana to Minneola, Kansas then cause the congregational vote to be 100%.

8. Leaning on their own understanding and the weakness of their faith.

9. "...keep on asking keep on seeking...keep on knocking?"

10. "A daily affair."

11. . "...they say they understand, they believe that, and that that is the way Christians should live---but that it doesn't really apply to their current situation."

12. "If it is your will for us to stay in Taiwan for a while longer, then you and you alone will issue Rosana's visa. And if the visa cannot be issued then we will know that it is your will for us to return to the States instead."

13. "The more I rely upon God, the more difficult it becomes to again rely upon human understanding."

14. "For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Sprit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered."



15. 1) At our best praying we do NOT really know what to pray for (8:28a).  
2) Our simple or complex desires are translated by the Holy Spirit into groanings (8:28b). 3) The Holy Spirit searches our hearts (to determine genuine motives), then makes intercession for us according to the will of God (8:28c).
16. He practiced 1 Thessalonians 5:18.
17. 1) Don't panic. 2) Don't read a covenant ("fleece") too quickly. 3) Accept what the Lord reveals.
18. By praying and firmly standing on 2 Chronicles 20:15b, "Thus says the Lord...Do not be afraid nor dismayed for the battle is not yours, but God's."
19. Accepting what the Lord reveals.
20. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. When you will call upon me and come and pray to me, then I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

## **Chapter 8**

### **"WAITING ON THE LORD MATURES US"**

1. The lord caused him and us to be shut out of the Garden of Eden.
2. Wait for Him.
3. He is laboring until Christ is fully developed in us.
4. God cares for us when we wait upon Him.
5. In Psalm 37:4,....the desires of thine heart.
6. "God will provide"
7. "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in

glory by Christ Jesus."

**8. Strength and Healing**

9. ...a clue why He's doing what He's doing.

10. ...listen to God for sensitivity on how to comfort that person.

11. ...essential.

12. **100**

13. **90**

14. ...to prepare themselves for the Promised Land.

15. "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt."

16. Persistent every day waiting.

17. Living by Faith ought to be the norm.

18. "the Lord provides for those he loves, while they are asleep."

19. ...not moving God to you in order to get something, but moving yourself

closer to God in order to become something.

20. It involves listening to God as much as it does talking to God.

**Not the end.**

**May it be a beginning to greater maturity for each of us**