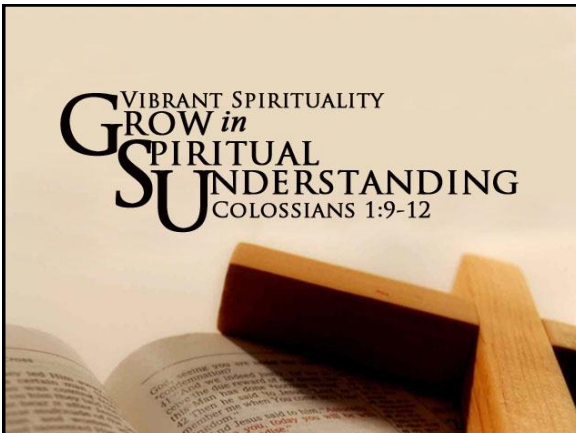


## REVIEW

### - Marks of a Maturing Disciple



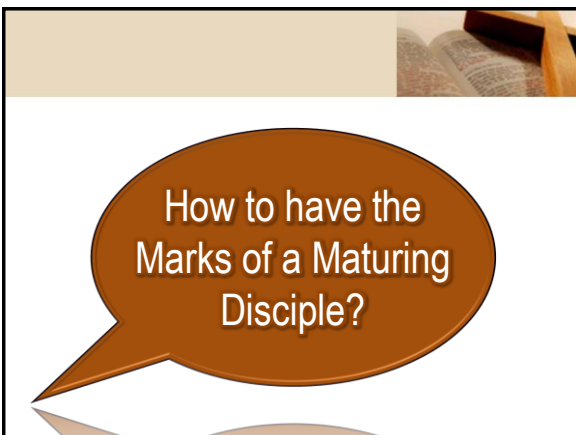
- I. A life walk that is **worthy of the Lord**.
- II. **Pleasing** God in every way.
- III. A life that bears **fruit** in every good work.
- IV. A life that grows in the **knowledge of God**.
- V. A life with supernatural strength to **endure** to finish well.
- VI. A life of **gratefulness**.



## Colossians 1:9-12 (NIV)



**9** For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. **10** And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, **11** being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully **12** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.



## How to have the Marks of a Maturing Disciple?



We must **continually** know the Will of God.

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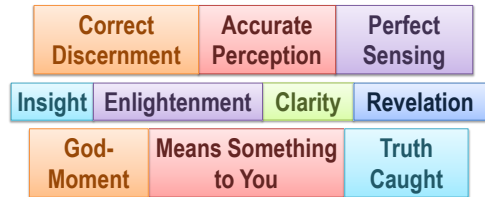
How to continually know the Will of God?

- A. In Spiritual **Understanding**  
 B. In Spiritual **Wisdom**.

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How to continually know the Will of God?

- A. Spiritual **Understanding** is:



How to continually know the Will of God?

### Keep the Main thing the Main thing!

**2 Corinthians 1:20** For no matter how many **promises** God has made, they are **"Yes" in Christ**. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. (NIV)

Keep the Main thing the Main thing!

**2 Peter 1:2-4**

**2** **Grace and peace** be **multiplied** to you in the **knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord**, **3** as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the **knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, **4** by which have been given to us **exceedingly great and precious promises**, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

**HOW** to grow in **Spiritual Understanding?**

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- I. Develop a **seeking-open** heart to partake the Word.

**John 5:39-40**

**39** You **diligently study** the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life ... **40** **yet you refuse to come to me to have life**.

- I. Develop a **seeking-open** heart to partake the Word.



**Acts 28:26-28**

26 saying, 'Go to this people and say: "**Hearing you will hear, and shall not understand; and seeing you will see, and not perceive;**" 27 For the **hearts** of this people have **grown dull**. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, **lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn,** so that I should heal them." 28 "**Therefore let it be known to you that the salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear it!**"

- I. Develop a **seeking-open** heart to partake the Word.



**Proverbs 4:20-21**

20 My son, **pay attention** to what I say; **listen closely** to my words. 21 **Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart ...**

**HOW** to grow in **Spiritual Understanding?**



- II. Keep asking the Father for the Spirit of **Wisdom** and **Revelation**.

**Ephesians 1:17-18**

17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the **Spirit of wisdom and revelation**, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray also that the **eyes** of your heart may be **enlightened ...**

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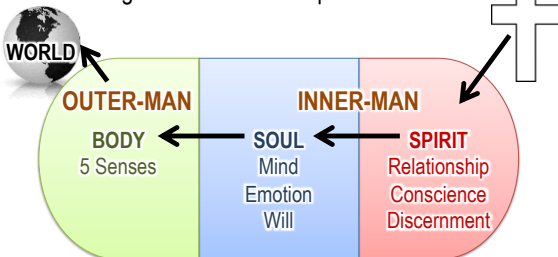
1. Revelation occurs when the Holy Spirit **downloads** a message from God to the Spirit of Man.

**1 Corinthians 2:10** But **God has revealed them to us through His Spirit**. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

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**Hebrews 8:10** For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: **I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts;** and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

**Hebrews 10:16** This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: **I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them ...**

II. Keep asking the Father for the Spirit of **Wisdom** and **Revelation**.

2. Angels and demons have **no revelation**.

**1 Corinthians 2:8** which **none of the rulers of this age knew**; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

II. Keep asking the Father for the Spirit of **Wisdom** and **Revelation**.

3. This Rhema will never be contrary to scriptures because the Word and the Spirit are **One**.

**Matthew 22:29** Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the **Scriptures** nor the **power of God**."

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**Ephesians 5:18-19**

**18** And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled with the Spirit**, **19** speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord ...

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**Colossians 3:16** **Let the word of Christ dwell in you**

**richly in all wisdom**, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

**HOW** to grow in **Spiritual Understanding**?

III. Believe and **obey** the Word.

**Ezra 7:10** For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD, **and to do it**, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.

**HOW** to grow in **Spiritual Understanding**?

III. Believe and **obey** the Word.

**James 1:22** But **be doers of the word**, **and not hearers only**, **deceiving yourselves**.

## HOW to grow in Spiritual Understanding?



### IV. Deal with my flesh:

1. My **negative** personality trait.

**John 6:63** It is the Spirit who gives **life**; **the flesh profits nothing**. The Words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

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1. My **negative** personality trait.

Only a **renewed mind** can receive revelation.

#### Romans 12:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy**, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do **not be conformed to this world**, but be transformed **by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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#### Ephesians 4:22-24

22 that you **put off**, concerning your former conduct, the **old man** which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and **be renewed in the spirit of your mind**, 24 and that you **put on the new man** which was created according to God, in **true righteousness and holiness**.

### IV. Deal with my flesh:



2. My personal **baggage**.

**Hebrews 12:1** ... let us lay aside every weight (**baggage**), and the sin which so easily ensnares us ...

## HOW to grow in Spiritual Understanding?



### V. Develop a **love** for the Word.

**1 Corinthians 2:9** But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared **for those who love Him**."

## HOW to grow in Spiritual Understanding?



### V. Develop a **love** for the Word.

**2 Thessalonians 2:10** and with all **unrighteous deception** among those who **perish**, because they did not receive the **love of the truth**, that they might be **saved**.

**HOW** to grow in **Spiritual Understanding?**



VI. Understand Principles and Truth from the **Weight** Scriptures.

**Psalm 119:160** The **entirety of Your word is truth**, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

VI. Understand Principles and Truth from the **Weight** of Scriptures.



e.g. 1 The **Nature** of God.

**Jeremiah 9:24** But let him who glories glory in this, That he **understands and knows Me**, that I am the Lord, exercising **lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness** in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.

VI. Understand Principles and Truth from the **Weight** of Scriptures.



e.g. 2 The **Goodness** of God i.e. God is **NOT** the source or origin of anything evil.

**James 1:17** **Every good gift and every perfect gift** is from above, and comes down **from the Father of lights**, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

VI. Understand Principles and Truth from the **Weight** of Scriptures.



e.g. 3 Pain and suffering, **trials** and problems in our lives are a result of:

A. The **Fallen-ness** of Man.

**John 16:33** These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. **In the world you will have tribulation;** but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

VI. Understand Principles and Truth from the **Weight** of Scriptures.



e.g. 3 Pain and suffering, **trials** and problems in our lives are a result of:

B. The **works** of the evil one.

**John 10:10a** The thief does not come except to **steal**, and **to kill, and to destroy**.

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e.g. 3 Pain and suffering, **trials** and problems in our lives are a result of:

C. Our **own** faults.

**1 Peter 2:20a** For what credit is it if, when you are **beaten for your faults**, you take it patiently?

VI. Understand Principles and Truth from the **Weight** of Scriptures.



e.g. 4 What happened to **Job** in the manner it happened to him cannot happen to me in Christ Jesus!

- A. Ground given [Job 3:25, 1:5]
- B. Calvary
- C. Position of believer vis-à-vis the devil

VI. Understand Principles and Truth from the **Weight** of Scriptures.



e.g. 5 Focus on God's **super abundant Grace**, not my level of faith.

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

8 For **by grace you have been saved through faith**, and that **not of yourselves**; it is the **gift of God**, 9 **not of works**, lest anyone should boast.

VI. Understand Principles and Truth from the **Weight** of Scriptures.



e.g. 6 Focus on the Righteousness of **God** by faith in Jesus.

**Philippians 3:9** and be found in Him, **not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith ...**

VI. Understand Principles and Truth from the **Weight** of Scriptures.



e.g. 7 Focus on **God's** love for me, not **my** love for Him!

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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e.g. 7 Focus on **God's** love for me, not **my** love for Him!

1 **John 4:10** In this is love, **not that we loved God, but that He loved us** and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 **John 4:16** And we have **known and believed the love that God has for us**. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

1 **John 4:19** **We love Him because He first loved us.**

**BOTTOM-LINE**



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