

BBTC 33rd Anniversary

MaturinginChrist Love God Love Others **Bear Fruit**

Not chronological age

but continually walking, growing, relating & experiencing God!

Reflecting Christ Influence & Impact Lives Brokenness

Not Easily Offended Make Tough Calls on sin Wise Steward of \$

Etc.

Holds very Tightly to the Word and Relationship with Holy Spirit

- Not automatic.
- Take personal responsibility for own spiritual life & maturity.
- Be intentional to mature in Christ!

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None of us can love God on our own.
 We must <u>first receive</u> and <u>experience</u> the love of God.

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

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- Why? This is because the <u>origin</u> of love, the <u>fountain</u> of love, the <u>source</u> of love comes from God.
- 1 John 4:16 ... God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

We must

<u>abide-dwell-relate to –connect with God</u> to experience His love

to experience His love

abide-dwell-relate to -connect with God

3. We can then love God as our response to Him because He first loved us.

1 John 4:19 We love Him because <u>He first loved us</u>.

We love God with the love that comes from Him!

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Video - Joel Koh -

4. We can then love others with the love of <u>God</u>.

Romans 5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the <u>love of God</u> <u>has been poured out in our hearts</u> <u>by the Holy Spirit who was given</u> <u>to us</u>. 5. When we fail to experience and abide in the love of God, we will revert to our carnal-corrupt-natural love manifested in performance in works, religious practices and self-indulgence.

Hebrews 6:1 ... let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God ...



To receive and experience God's love, the disciple must grow: A. As a true worshipper.

John 4:23-24 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the <u>true worshipers will worship</u> the Father in spirit and truth; for <u>the Father</u> is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must <u>worship in spirit</u> and truth."

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Philippians 3:3 For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Sing songs vs Sing to God Spiritual songs

To receive and experience God's love, the disciple must grow: B. Fill his life with the Word of God.

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.

Intake+Application-do-obey

To receive and experience God's love, the disciple must grow:
 C. Be a prayer-empowered believer.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray without ceasing.

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the Lord with <u>all your heart</u>, and lean not on your own understanding;
6 In <u>all your ways acknowledge Him</u>, and He shall direct your paths.



Say Prayers vs R/s Connect Faith Cs

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John 13:34-35

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you <u>love</u> one another; as I have loved you, that you also <u>love</u> one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have <u>love for one another</u>."

Video - GLO Ministry - Goh Soon Meng, Gek Hoon, Reuben, Phoebe & Nathan

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Galatians 6:9-10 9 And let us not grow weary while <u>doing good</u>, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us <u>do good to all</u>, <u>especially</u> to those who are of the <u>household of faith</u>.

Body-Life love & care

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1 Corinthians 13 Mistakes-failures-foibles-expectations unmet

Proverbs 6 - Romans 16

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BBTC Core-values

No Comparison, No Competition, No Condemnation Encouragement Always Maximum Participation No Offenses Be Faithful Care for One another Help Your Leader to Succeed 7 Anointed-s Aligned with the Church Direction



I. Love Others
 2. From the outflow of the above, the disciple can then be a <u>witness</u> and do <u>good deeds</u> to his pre-believing contacts.

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."



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Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

PrimaryCall-MissionalCall

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III. Bear Fruit
In our journey of maturing in Christ, the disciple must focus on
2-key areas of his life:
1. Who am I becoming?

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be <u>conformed</u> to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

> Changed Lives Growing in Christ-likeness Luke 9:23, Galatians 2:20

III. Bear Fruit
In our journey of maturing in Christ, the disciple must focus on 2-key areas of his life:
2. Am I fulfilling God's purpose and destiny for me?

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us <u>run with</u> <u>endurance the race that is set before us</u>. In our journey of maturing in Christ, the disciple focus the **2-key areas** of his life:

2. Am I fulfilling God's <u>purpose</u> and <u>destiny</u> for me?

Psalm 139:16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And <u>in Your book</u> they all were written, <u>the days fashioned for me</u>, when as yet there were none of them.

Video [Ho Fook Meng & Linda] Bear Fruit - Life Impacting Lives

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2 Timothy 1:9 who has <u>saved</u> us and <u>called</u> us with a <u>holy calling</u>, not according to our works, but according to <u>His own purpose</u> and <u>grace</u> which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

BOTTOM-LINE

To Share Christ as we Mature in Him

Become an effective Priest & King

Connected to God(love God)and Impacting Lives (love others, bear fruit)