

Chapter 14 – Purpose of Maturity



Being able to see God in everyone and everything is a lens of maturity that we grow in, as we grow up in Christ. Maturity causes us to see beyond our selfish and self-centered needs, troubles, and preferences, and see the Kingdom vision we were created for. This Kingdom vision includes seeking those outside of our comfort circles. Sometimes God will even use the most unlikely of people or situations to speak a powerful word to you, are you listening? Fred Markert explained it somewhat like this; each person bears the spark of God, therefore as Christians, unbelievers are not our enemy. We may stand in truth and disagree with behaviors, but we must embrace the unbeliever himself BECAUSE of the spark of God in him. We seek to preserve the spark of God in each person and situation by blowing on that spark until it becomes a fierce and mobile flame for Christ. We must grow up and learn to operate from our divine nature, using the wisdom of God to learn, preserve, conquer the darkness and change the world around us through mature love, so that we will not shrink in the day when we need to stand the tallest.

- **What are some ways you remember God speaking to you through very unexpected people or circumstances?**

- **Based off of the list on page 97 of Chapter 14, what are some areas you are strong? Areas you know you need refining?**

As you read through Chapter 14, “Purpose of Maturity”, finish the following statements:

The part that stands out the most to me is:

Areas I want to see growth:

I want to see growth in these areas because:

The steps of obedience I feel the Lord is showing me to take are: