

## How Do I Become A Mature Christian? (2Timothy 3:16-17)

**Definition of a Mature Christian:** One who has a lifestyle that looks like Jesus Christ in thoughts, words, behavior, relationships and service on a regular basis as one seeks to know Jesus Christ, become like Jesus Christ, and be useful to Jesus Christ.

### **I. To become a mature Christian you must be taught what is right according to Scripture (v16)**

- A. You must learn the right way to think from Scripture.
- B. You must learn the right way to speak from Scripture.
- C. You must learn the right way to behave from Scripture.
- D. You must learn the right way to relate from Scripture.
- E. You must learn the right way to serve God and others from Scripture.

### **II. To become a mature Christian you must be able see and accept what is wrong in your life according to Scripture (v16)**

- A. You must be honest with yourself and God about the sinful thoughts you tend to have as you are convicted by the Truth of God's Word. (James 1:13-15)
- B. You must be honest with yourself and God about the sinful conversations you tend to have as you are convicted by the Truth of God's Word. (James 3:1-12)
- C. You must be honest with yourself and God about the sinful behavioral patterns you tend to have as you are convicted by the Truth of God's Word. (James 3:13-16)
- D. You must be honest with yourself and God about the sinful relational patterns you tend to have as you are convicted by the Truth of God's Word. (James 4:1-10)
- E. You must be honest with yourself and God about your lack of service to God as you are convicted by the Truth of God's Word. (Hebrews 12:28-29)

### **III. To become a mature Christian you must turn from what is wrong in your life according to Scripture(v16)**

- A. You must put off sinful thought patterns according to Scripture. (2Corinthians 10:3-5)
- B. You must put off sinful communication patterns according to Scripture. (Ephesians 4:29)
- C. You must put off sinful behavioral patterns according to Scripture. (Colossians 3:1-7)
- D. You must put off sinful relational patterns according to Scripture. (Colossians 3:8-9)
- E. You must put off sinful servicing patterns according to Scripture. (Hebrews 12:28-29)

**IV. To become a mature Christian you must train in what is right according to Scripture (v16)**

- A. You must train in developing godly thought patterns according to Scripture. (Romans 12:2-3)
- B. You must train in developing godly communication patterns according to Scripture. (Ephesians 4:29)
- C. You must train in developing godly behavioral patterns according to Scripture. (1Peter 2:11-3:22)
- D. You must train in developing godly relational patterns according to Scripture. (Colossians 3:12-17)
- E. You must train in using your spiritual gifts to serve others according to Scripture. (Romans 12:3-8)

**V. To become a mature Christian you must be willing to be shaped and developed by Scripture to live by The Will of God and to do The Work God has assigned. (v17)**