

Christian Maturity

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Recognizing Spiritual Immaturity

Luke 8:4-15

On the path, the seed is

- 1) s_____ so they don't believe
- 2) They hear but believe only a short time because no r_____ to their faith
- 3) People who hear, but then are choked before they m_____ in their faith
- 4) Good soil produces crops; presumably fruit of the spirit and r_____ their faith.

Hebrews 5:12 - 6:3

Babies in Christ:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

Path to Spiritual Maturity

II Peter 1:3-9 gives the p_____ of Christian growth.

What stage are you on? _____

Disciplines of a disciple include:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____

Luke 14:25-35 Consider the Cost:

Many people f_____ Jesus, but Jesus felt they needed to be c_____ to become disciples.

v. 26 gives the general challenge, with "hate" being a hyperbole meaning to esteem less than

(over)

- v. 28 the cross represents d_____ to self.
- v. 28-30 issues the specific challenges.

Before we follow, we need to be ready to f_____ what we start. We need to be prepared for w_____, trusting in the King. God is the creator; Satan is a mere fellow c_____.

The difference in power between man and God is ___to the difference between Satan and God.

We are like salt because we:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

You do not truly live a better life because you only accept God in small p_____.

Are you willing to give no matter how much in order to gain no matter how little of Christ?

A Call to Action:

We must give up our neutral or _____ habits to create room to foster good habits.

What can you give up, offering as a sacrifice to God?

What discipline of a disciple do you need to add to your life?

We don't have to live defeated Christian lives, but we can be more than c_____ through Christ!