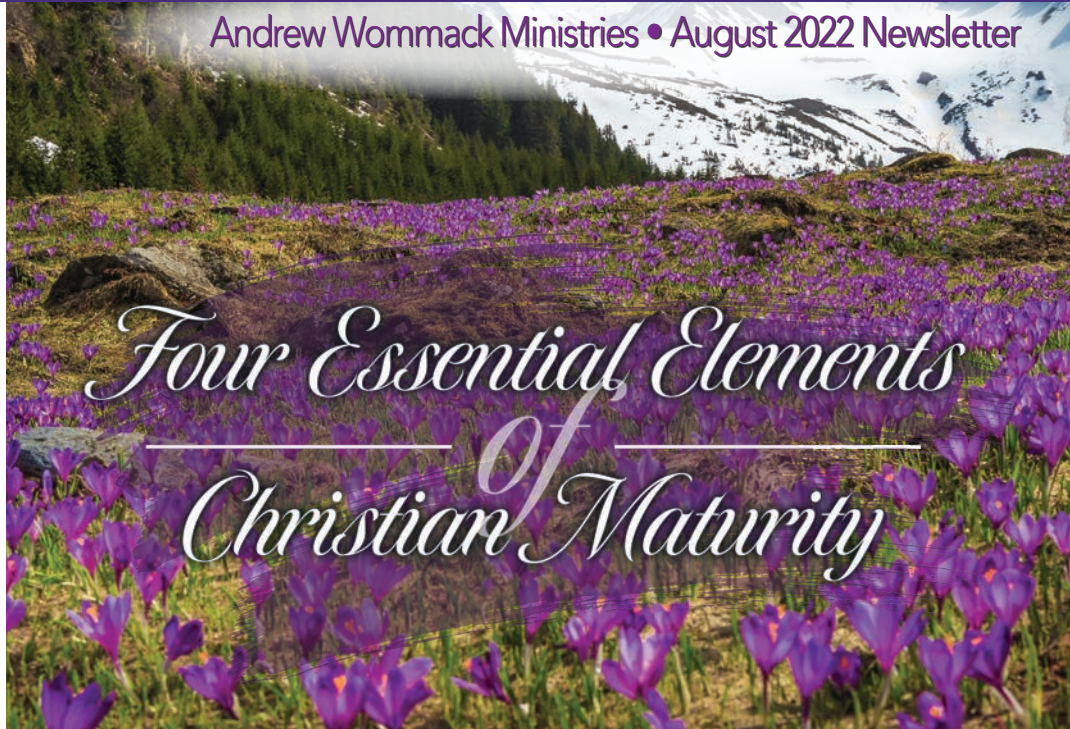


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Four Essential Elements of Christian Maturity

Everyone loves babies. They are cute and so much fun, but they grow up. How weird would it be for a baby boy to still be sucking his thumb when he's forty years old and has a beard! It's precious when a child first crawls, but something would be wrong if they never learned to walk.

Growth is normal in the natural world and should be in our spiritual lives also. But there is a pandemic of spiritual immaturity in the body of Christ today. Many Christians have not gotten beyond the pabulum stage into eating strong meat yet (Heb. 5:14). This is not the Lord's will. He wants us to grow up.

First Peter 2:1–3 says,

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Unlike our physical bodies which grow naturally, we must pursue spiritual maturity. It doesn't happen automatically.

I have a new teaching that gives four essentials for spiritual maturity. They are total surrender, renewing of the mind, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and discovering our new identity in Christ. Just as a forty-year-old who can't walk, talk, or take care of himself would still be a baby, so any believer who is lacking in these four areas has not reached Christian maturity.

Romans 12:1 says that being a living sacrifice is only our reasonable service. The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition says being a living sacrifice is "your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship." That's saying being totally committed to the Lord isn't just for the clergy or the "super saints." It just makes sense for each one of us to give all we have and are to Him in gratitude for all He has

done for us. That's the first step towards maturity.

Then Romans 12:2 gives us the second step towards spiritual maturity: we are to renew our minds through the Word of God. God's Word contains everything essential for us to grow up in Him. The truth of God's Word will make us free (John 8:32), but it's only the truth we know that makes a difference. What we don't know is killing us! That is literally true (Hos. 4:6).

The Christian life is about more than being born again and then waiting to go to heaven. It's sad to say, but there are so many Christians who don't know that. They don't understand what it takes to grow in Christ, and they therefore don't live the abundant life God has for them (John 10:10).

Some believers know there must be more than what they are experiencing, but they don't know how to find it. They are trying hard to grow through their own effort. They don't realize that Christian maturity isn't just difficult, it's impossible on our own. That brings me to the third element of Christian maturity. You must have the power of God's Holy Spirit working in you to mature.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is one of the greatest gifts the Lord has given us. It is so important to receive the Holy Spirit that Jesus even said it was to our advantage for Him to leave because then the Holy Spirit would come (John 16:7). That's amazing!

I would never take anything away from the ministry of Jesus while He was here on this earth. It was totally supernatural. But Jesus said having the Holy Spirit in us is better than having Him with us. Wow! That's saying a lot. It is impossible to mature without the help of the Holy Spirit. He's our teacher, but we have to show up for class.

Then, and only then, will we begin to get a revelation of our true identity in Christ. One of the most mature believers in Scripture was the Apostle Paul. He wrote half of the books in the New Testament. What was his secret? It was Christ living through him by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 2:20 says,

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

An identity crisis is a huge hinderance to Christian maturity. It's not who we are on the outside that counts. It's who we have become in Christ that is the new creation spoken of in 2 Corinthians 5:17.

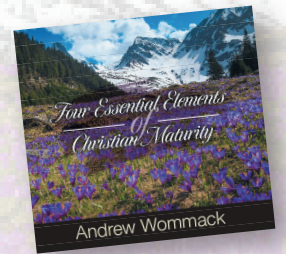
I would love for you to get this new series I've just made. It will expand on each of the points I've made in this article, and I believe it would give you a track to run on towards becoming mature in the Lord.

We love you and want God's best for you!

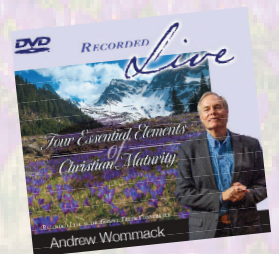
Andrew and Jamie

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You don't want to spend your whole life as a spiritual baby! The Word tells us that to experience the fullness of God, you must go from milk (1 Pet. 2:1-3) to the solid food of the Bible. But what does that look like exactly? It starts with being willing and obedient—setting yourself aside to be God's vessel. What follows is renewing your mind, walking in the power of the Holy Spirit, and understanding your identity in Christ. This teaching from the Washington, DC, Gospel Truth Conference 2022 will show you the basics of what it means to become a mature Christian!



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...Spreading Like Wildfire - Discipleship Evangelism

Think about this – if a person were to evangelize a thousand people per year for fifteen years, they would end up with fifteen thousand (15,000) new believers. Now, if a person was privileged to lead a soul to the Lord every six months and then spent the next six months discipling them so they could disciple others, what do you think would happen?

In a year, there would be only 2 disciples. Nonetheless, after sixteen-and-a-half years, if each continued to disciple others, there would be no one left on earth to evangelize. Jesus' method of discipleship would produce nearly 7 billion disciples in less than seventeen years. Truly, discipleship evangelism works like wildfire.

As commanded by Jesus in Matthew 28:19, we are to make disciples and not converts. Andrew Wommack Ministries and Charis Bible College Uganda is concerned with exactly this: discipling and grounding believers in the foundational truths of the word.

What's more, the demand for the

Discipleship Evangelism course as a tool is exploding in the nation of Uganda! We are now receiving so many requests for this simple foundational course from bishops, pastors and leaders who are excited about the teachings they have heard.

We want to thank you for helping Andrew Wommack Ministries get the Discipleship Evangelism course established in these new places. As we meet requests from churches in Kampala, we are reaching, further afield, to places like Sembabule, Jinja and beyond...

Sembabule

After the 2022 June ministers' conference, the number of sign-ups from the participants for DE was so amazing. In July, the ministry was invited for a pastors' conference in Sembabule. From this introduction there are now 45 leaders and pastors attending DE Level 1. We have gifted teachers travelling there, who will raise up others, to continue teaching DE.

Jinja

In Jinja, we have 100 pastors who are being introduced to the same DE Level 1 after their bishop decided to train them

all with Discipleship Evangelism.

Kampala

Recently at Charis Bible College, Kampala, we received 92 leaders who signed up for DE, levels 1-3 every Friday from 5pm – 6:30pm. Other churches in Kampala like Prayer Palace, are now doing the discipleship evangelism course up to levels 1 & 2.

To our partners of Andrew Wommack Ministries Uganda, we are sincerely grateful to God for your generosity towards the gospel. Together, we are advancing the kingdom!

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Cult Captive Set Free

Plagued with questions of whether she was saved or not and drifting through life feeling hollow inside, Caroline Yeager fell into despair.

Having grown up in a cult-like church, Caroline learned at a young age to live by strict rules: no jeans, no short hairstyles, no going to the beach, no marrying outside the church, and much more.

Caroline felt the effects from the years of legalism when she miscarried twins and when her seemingly perfect sister died while giving childbirth. How could a good God let such terrible things happen? Eventually, she went on to have several more children, but she lived in fear that God would punish her or her kids for her shortcomings.

“The torment, anguish, and fear of not knowing if one of my children would get sick or die because of something I did wrong hung over my head at all times,” Caroline says.

After decades in bondage and feeling like a failure, Caroline found herself holding a rope one day and crying out to God, “I can’t take this anymore!” Thankfully, her desire to see the Lord in heaven kept her from taking any drastic measures. But what Caroline didn’t realize was that coming to the end of herself meant coming to the beginning of God.

It was during a seemingly random visit with her brother—who had already left the legalistic church—that Caroline first heard of Andrew Wommack. Her brother gave her a bag of Andrew’s tapes and encouraged her to find more free teachings online.

Caroline recalls, “When I realized I could listen for free any time, God opened my eyes to the fact that

I could seek Him. As a woman, I could seek and I could find for myself.”

This was a new revelation for Caroline who was taught all her life that she could only seek God through her husband. But the truth of God’s Word through Andrew’s free teachings exposed that deception.

As Caroline began to read the Bible for herself, she became transformed by the renewing of her mind to God’s truth. She heard the sinner’s prayer for the first time from Andrew teaching online and became born again by faith in the finished work of the cross—not by her own performance. The chains of legalism that had taken a lifetime to enslave her were broken in an instant.

Thank you, friends and partners, for making Andrew’s free teachings available to anyone seeking the truth. The Gospel of Jesus Christ has had a life-changing impact on Caroline Yeager and her family, and it wouldn’t have been possible without you!

You can hear Caroline’s full testimony in person September 22–24 at the Grace Encounters Conference in Woodland Park, Colorado. Also, check out her powerful Grace Encounters video story at awmi.net/CarolineYeager or order the Grace Encounters: Volume 1 DVD at awmi.net/store or by calling our Helpline at 719-635-1111.

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AWMPACT: Changing the World Through Charis Mission Trips

During their second year of studies, Charis Bible College students take part in one of the most important aspects of their education: their mission trip. These trips are life-changing not only for the people in the areas where students minister, but also for the students themselves.

Michelle Patterson, Charis Missions Trip Trainer, says, "Charis students are able to put into practice what they have been learning at Charis and share the grace message of Jesus, and while doing so, they are changed . . . They are the love of God in action!"

Charis sent out twenty-eight teams with almost 600 students, interns, and staff during the 2021–2022 school year. Teams ministered in Alaska, Wyoming, Texas, North Carolina, Florida, Montana, Oklahoma, Alabama, Arizona, Vermont, Tennessee, and Colorado.

Several teams visited the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming. Sarah Lucas of Foundations for Nations Ministries, one of the host pastors for the missions trip, expressed gratitude, saying, "Charis teams make a huge impact on our

ministry and community! The teams refresh and encourage our staff and bring ministry to the community . . . When Charis comes, we have enough hands to get out into our community and do big outreaches and events. Charis teams this year helped in food drives that fed 781 people, filled up gas in 104 cars, did \$2500 in laundry, hosted three Vacation Bible Schools, passed out 500 Christmas presents, remodeled four native families' houses, worked on the construction of our church, and gave away clothing."

Sarah continued, "During all of those events, every person who came to receive help in tangible ways was presented with the Gospel and prayer. We saw people get healed on the sidewalk and slain in the spirit . . . We saw people crumble in the arms of Charis students as they poured out their stories and received prayer."

Students who participated in mission trips were also eager to express gratitude. Here is what some of them had to say:

There's something about working within a team—I learned so much from each one in my group, and I loved this week, including street ministry!

— Jutta W.

I am grateful for this renewed fire in me this week, hallelujah! Makes my heart soar with gladness and thanksgiving!

— Christine E.

Partners, your giving helps Charis Bible College send mission teams out to change the world. We can't thank you enough!

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