

Growing Up

“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ” Eph. 4:15

I. Grow Up Concerning Possessions

“A man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things he possesseth” (Luke 12:15)

_Many Christians place too much value on money and possessions

_It isn’t wrong to have money, but we must heed the warning, “The love of money is the root of all evil” (I Tim. 6:10)

_We grow up concerning possessions when we give God first place (Matt. 6:33)

II. Grow Up Concerning Pleasure

“...lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God” (II Tim. 3:4)

_We live in a pleasure seeking, pleasure seeking society. Billions of dollars are spent on pleasure annually. People are searching for fun more than for God.

_The greatest pleasure is knowing Christ (Ps.107:9)

_Grow up concerning pleasure. Be faithful in prayer and the ministry of God’s word.

III. Grow Up Concerning Popularity

“How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another” (John 5:44)

_It’s natural to desire appreciation and the good will of others, but we should seek God’s approval.

_Popularity is short lived- here today and gone tomorrow.

_Grow up concerning popularity- seek the Lord while he may be found.

IV. Grow Up Concerning Position

“Labour...for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life” (John 6:27)

_Some Christians put too much importance on their position which will cause division in the church(Matt. 20:21-24)

_Be satisfied with just being a servant

_Grow up concerning position- because one day you will be promoted to a land that is fairer than day (Rev. 21:23)

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