

Equipping the Saints

Our Mandate to Mature

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1.A) Review 1John 2:12-14 Stages of growth.

B) The path to maturity is fluid not linear. It's cumulative. Stages build on one another while you never stop growing. You never stop having child like faith being loved by your father, crying Abba. You never stop being a young man defeating the devil with the Word of God living in you.

C) Our goal is to continually grow into the fullness of Christ, all of who He is, growing from childhood to Lordship, just as Jesus did, becoming a father in the faith reproducing and becoming a parent. 1COR13:11

2. Our mandate to mature

Our identity: Gen1:27 Created to be in the image of Christ Romans 8:28–30, 2 Corinthians 3:17–18.

The DNA of our identity in Christ, all of who Christ is, contains the entire path to our maturity.

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Identity DNA	Gen 1:28	Mat 28:16-18 Mk16:15	Act1:8
Who we are	Fruitful	Disciples	witnesses
What we do	Multiply	Go Make disciples, Baptize Teach to obey	
Where we do it	Fill earth	All Nations All the world	Jerusalem uttermost
How we do it	1)Subdue 2)Rule	Authority	Power
When we do it	“BE”	N	O W

- “Be” GEN 1:28 means “in” from GEN 1:27 His image
- All elements of the mandate are in the active voice, a command and are inseparably linked. Our DNA
- Fruitful, PARAH, means to grow, increase & cause to be.

- Multiply, RABAH means to continue to enlarge grow up, become greater, make more of.
- Fill, MALE, to replenish, bring to fullness, to overflow.
- Subdue, KABASH, to tread down, to conquer, subjugate, force, keep under, subdue with superior force, bring into subjection.
- Rule, RADAH, to tread down, have dominion, prevail against, reign. (Rom 8:37 “**NOW**, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who **loved us** ”

ALERT: the mandate is built into everyone but when Christ is not a persons identity the mandate will be perverted.

A. The Performance Trap: legalism, works, pharisaism
Without true identity in Christ a person can fall into seeking identity through what, where ,who and when through what they do and accomplish, to grab power and authority without character. This person ultimately lands in burnout and destruction.

B. The Orphan Spirit: identity that is not secure as child of God loved by father God. This person lives out of loneliness, pain and anger desperately attempting to find identity in other people and other things but never feeling secure and accepted. Feeling a lack of value they will ultimately fail to reach their destiny.

C. The Anti-christ Spirit: when a person serves another spirit or other gods they will be used to fill the earth with sin and death and extend the the control of Satan over nations.