

SPIRITUAL MATURITY A CHECKLIST

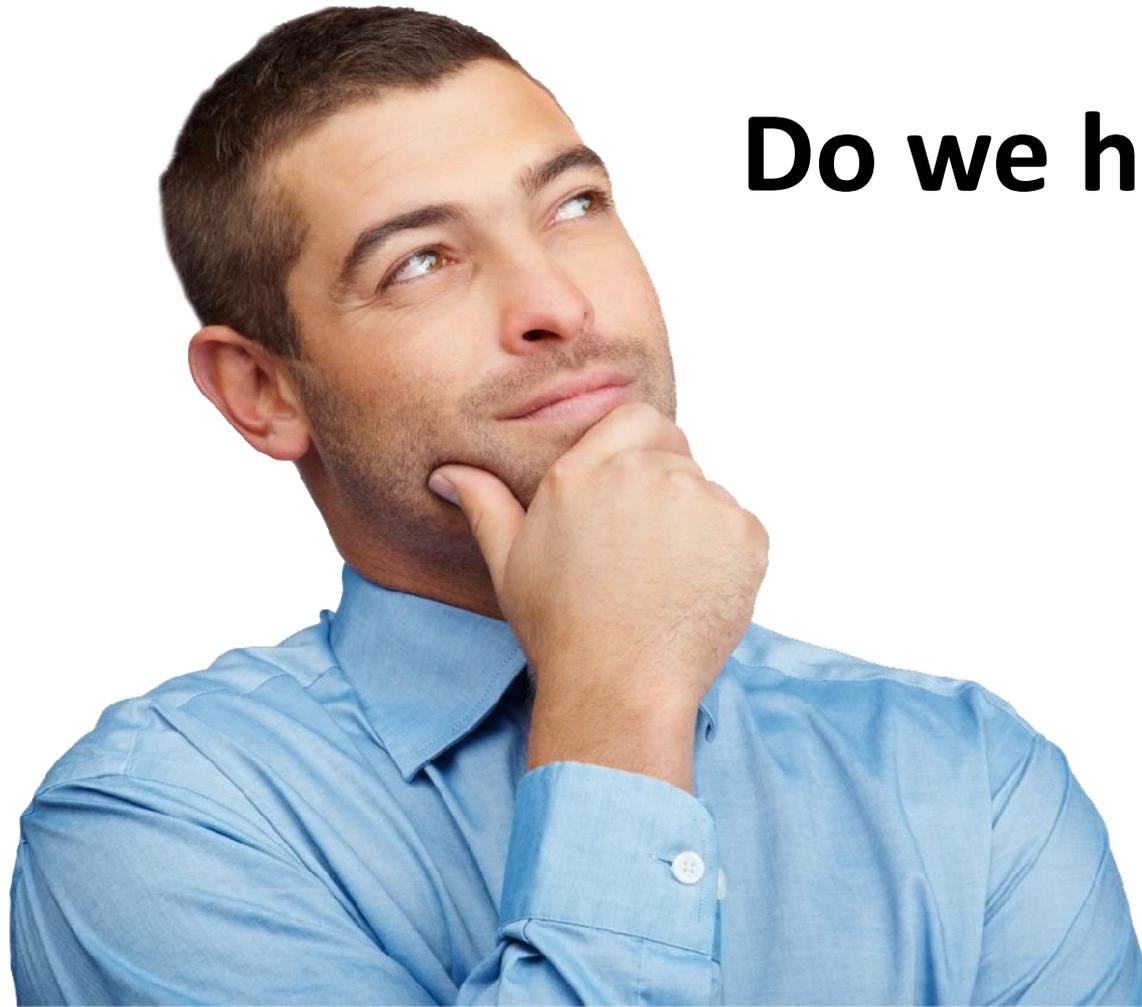
1 COR 13:11

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a black pen, poised to write on a checklist. The checklist is on a white grid background and features several empty square checkboxes. The text '1 COR 13:11' is visible on the grid. The background is softly blurred, showing a blue and white pattern.

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**Do we have similar
desire as a
Christian?**

What does the Bible say about Spiritual Maturity?

Mature. 5046. Gk. teleios

Definition: having reached its end, complete, perfect

Usage: perfect, (a) complete in all its parts, (b) full grown, of full age, (c) specially of the completeness of Christian character



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Matthew 5:48

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



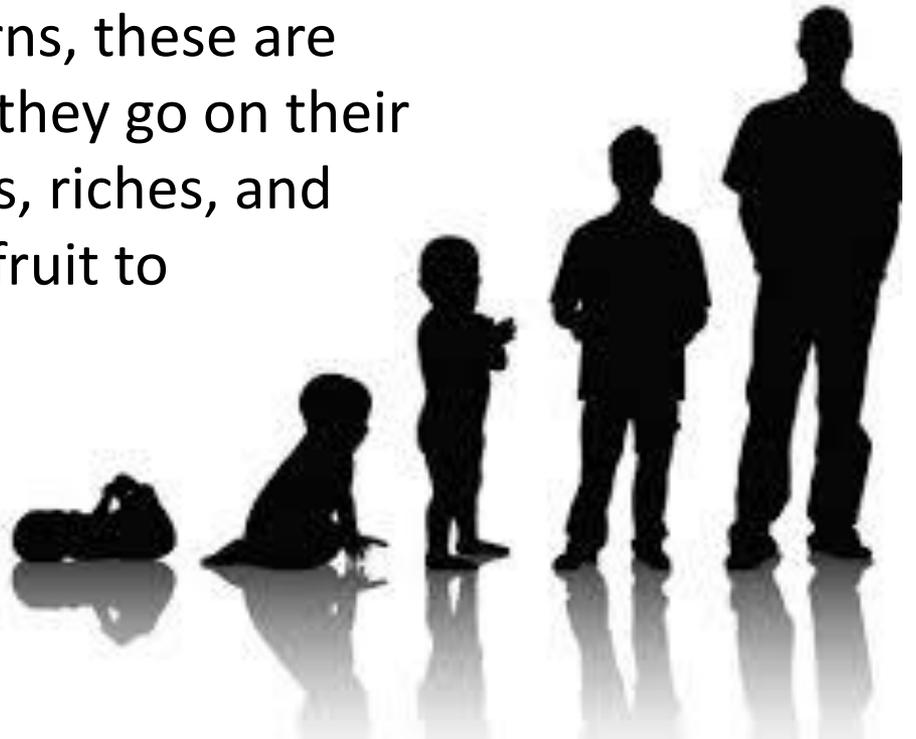
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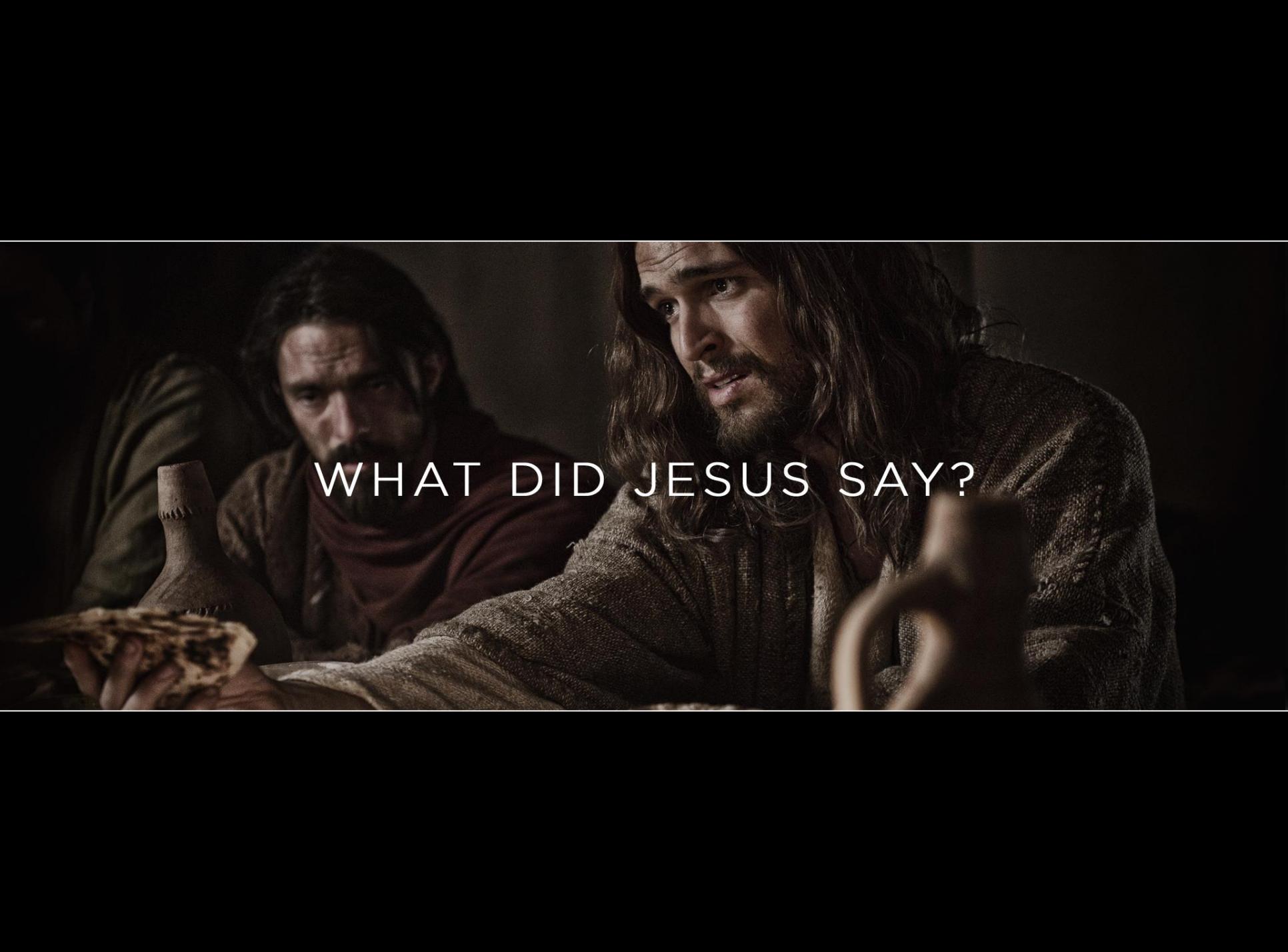
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Luke 8:14

That which fell among the thorns, these are those who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.



A cinematic scene depicting Jesus and a companion seated at a table. Jesus, with long hair and a beard, is in the foreground, looking thoughtfully to the right. He wears a textured, greyish-brown robe. In the background, another man with a beard and long hair, wearing a reddish-brown tunic, looks down at a piece of flatbread he is holding. On the table are several pieces of pottery, including a large jug and a smaller cup. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows, creating a somber and intimate atmosphere. The text "WHAT DID JESUS SAY?" is overlaid in white, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

What did Jesus say?

Personal Spiritual Maturity Checklist = To Grow in ...

1. Faith



GROW





FAITH = BELIEVING GOD

**FOR GOD SO
LOVED THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE HIS
ONE AND ONLY SON,
— THAT WHOEVER —
BELIEVES IN HIM
SHALL NOT PERISH
— BUT HAVE —
ETERNAL LIFE**

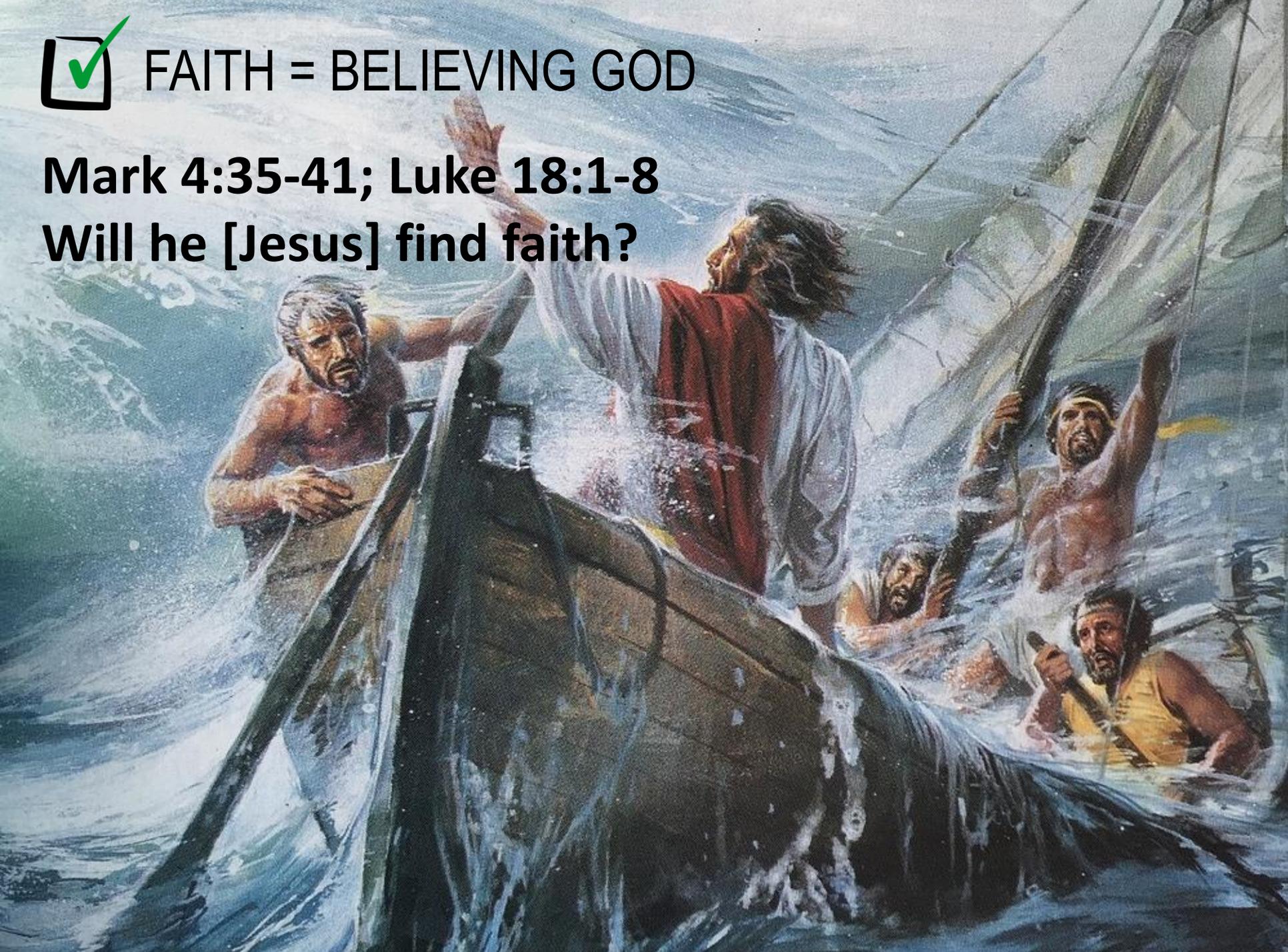
JOHN 3:16



FAITH = BELIEVING GOD

Mark 4:35-41; Luke 18:1-8

Will he [Jesus] find faith?



What did Jesus say?

Personal Spiritual Maturity Checklist = To Grow in ...

2. Faithfulness



GROW





FAITHFULNESS

Faithfulness

Declared

Faith ≠ Faithfulness

How do you know you are faithful?

When a person (1) walks consistently with God, in (2) humble service to Him, he or she can be called “faithful.”



FAITHFULNESS

NEHEMIAH

THE WALL WAS FINISHED IN 52 DAYS

When Nehemiah had to leave Jerusalem to return to Persia, he put Hanani and Hananiah in charge. The reason for his choice of these men was that they were “more faithful and God-fearing . . . than many” (Nehemiah 7:2, ESV).



FAITHFULNESS

NEHEMIAH

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What charge has God given to us?



FAITHFULNESS

**Well done, good and
faithful servant –
Matt 25:21**



What did Jesus say?

Personal Spiritual Maturity Checklist = To Grow in ...

3. Love & Obedience





LOVE & OBEDIENCE

**Love the
Lord your
God with all
your heart
and with all
your soul
and with all
your mind.**

THE GREATEST COMMAND

**Love your
neighbour
as yourself.
Matthew
22:34-40**

Love your enemies. Matthew 5:43-48



LOVE & OBEDIENCE

TO LOVE GOD IS TO _____ ?





LOVE & OBEDIENCE

TO LOVE GOD IS TO OBEY GOD.

John 14:15-21

**TO LOVE GOD IS TO SPEND
TIME WITH GOD.**



LOVE & OBEDIENCE

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS A KINGDOM OF LOVE

“In reading the Hebrew and Christian scriptures, I cannot help but draw one fundamental conclusion about the essence of God: God is love. From Genesis to Revelation, the pages of the Bible sing forth that God is love. If this is true, then we must conclude that the primary characteristic of God’s kingdom is also love.” – Drew Smith

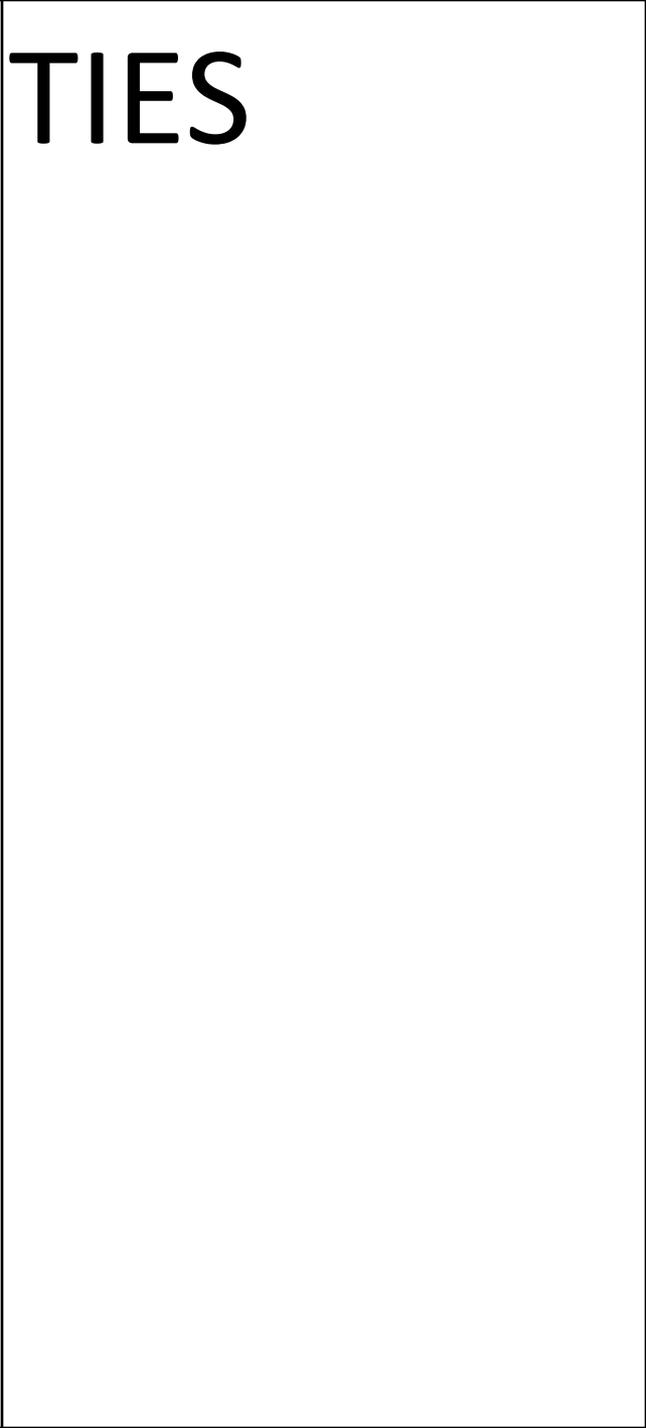
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KINGDOM
OF GOD

What did Jesus say?

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4. Abiding & Fruitfulness

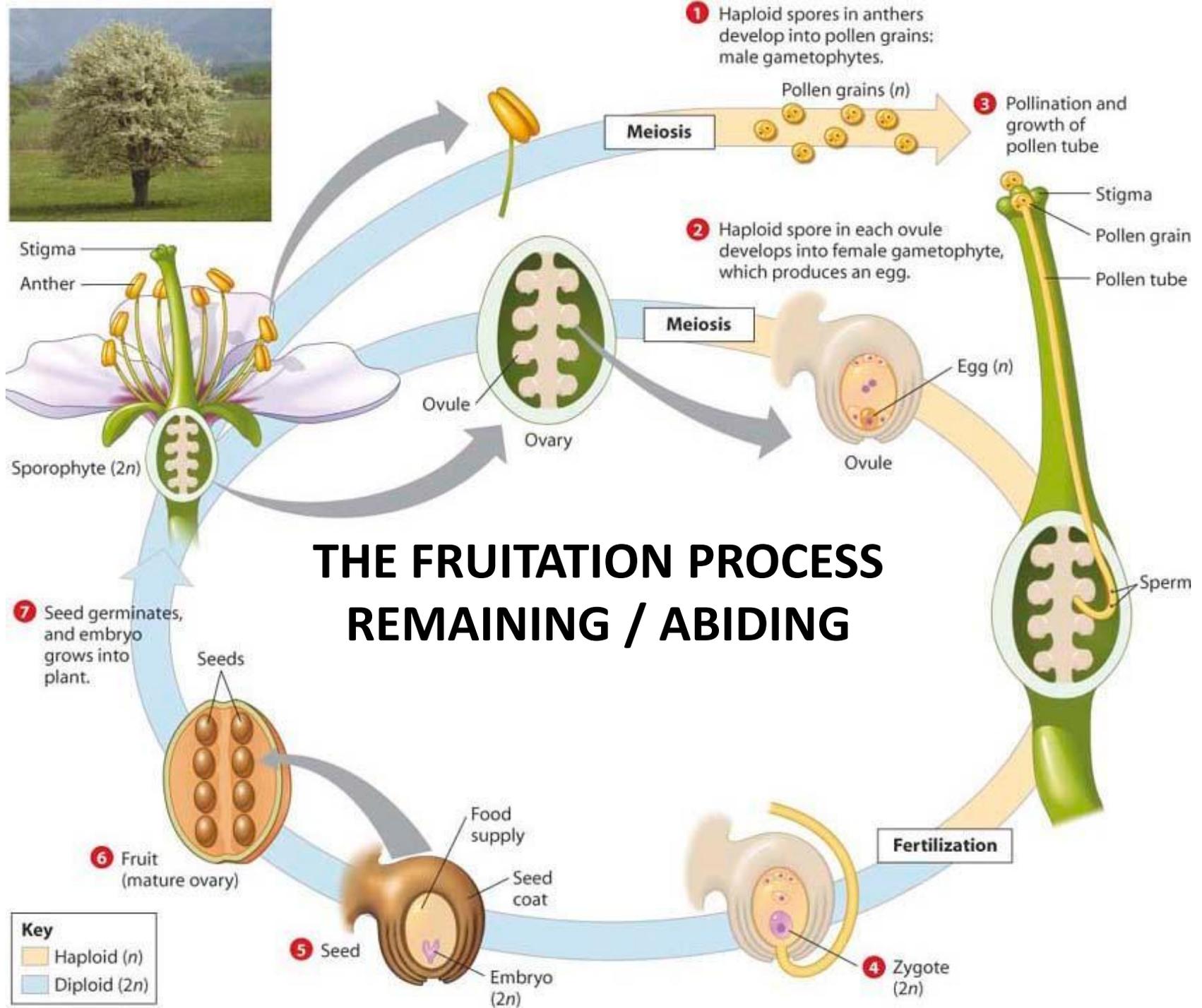


I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. -
John 15:5



The purpose of every sermon
The purpose of every devotion
The daily devotion challenge





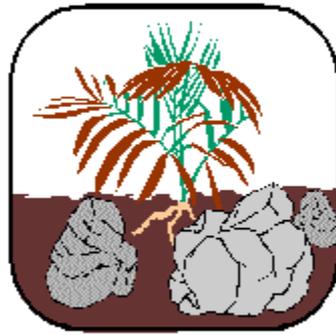
THE FRUITATION PROCESS REMAINING / ABIDING

The Parable of the Sower

The Seed is the Word of God



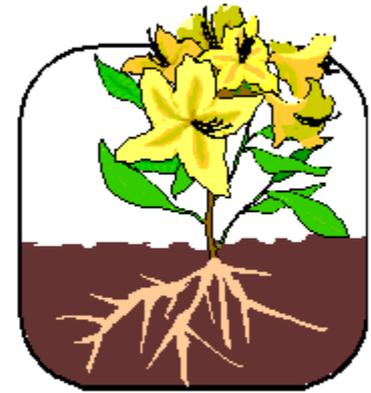
The Path



The Rocky Soil



The Weedy Soil



The Good Soil

What type of Soil are You?

Is God Growing in Your Heart?

The more we
abide each day
in the Lord and
in His word,
the more
fruitful we will
become.



What did Jesus say?

Personal Spiritual Maturity Checklist = To Grow in ...

5. Kingdom Living





1.0

**A HIGHER
LEVEL OF
THINKING IS
REQUIRED ...**



MANAGEMENT 1.0

With its foundations on Scientific Management & the industrial revolution, management 1.0 seeks stability - to find a best way and ensure everyone does it the boss' way. Efficiently. Effectively. Good for environments like factory floor.



MANAGEMENT 2.0

With the evolution of more demanding customers, higher education, globalization and differing talents, a command-and-conquer style is less effective. Management 2.0 moves to how to best use knowledge workers. E.g. white collar, professionals with degrees



MANAGEMENT 3.0

In an era where AI and automation is taking over straightforward tasks, and in a competitive, entrepreneurial, innovative and disruptive environment, management 3.0 is how to unleash and manage creative workers. E.g. Google, Alibaba

A HIGHER LEVEL OF THINKING

LIVING

in the

KINGDOM

of

GOD

Matthew 5-7

{re}defined.

- **The Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5-7**
- **Christians need to be define by Christ**
- **Crowds or disciples?**
- **What does mean to be “blessed”?**
- **The followers of Jesus live and grow the values of Jesus & the King for His creation.**

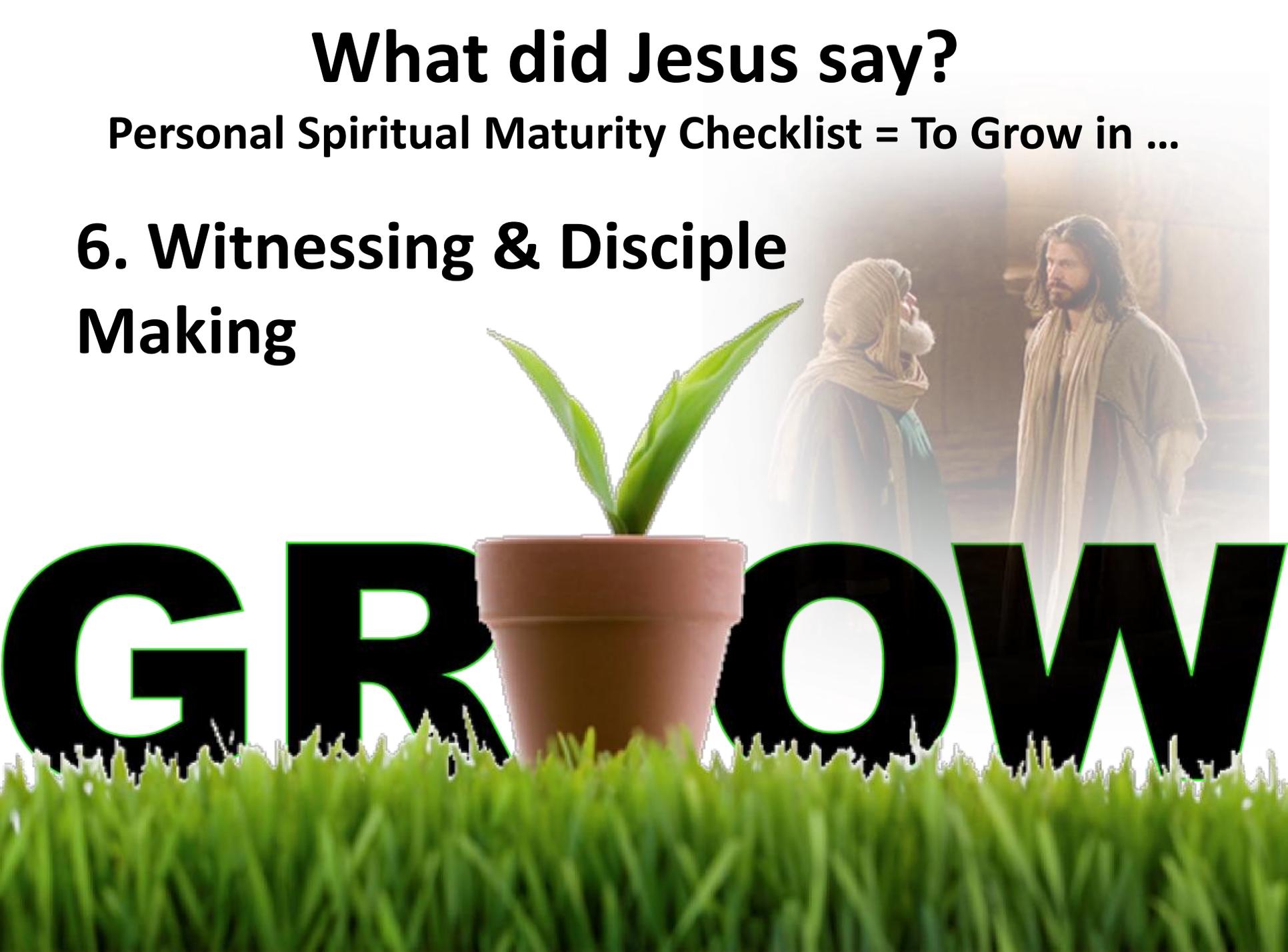
What kingdom living should mean to every believer?

- 1. To know the mind, will of God. Fallen world versus God's kingdom with its (1) principles and (2) values and (3) wisdom.**
- 2. Live less attached to the world, and more attached to heaven and heaven on earth**
- 3. To be salt and light to this world.**
- 4. Not for knowledge, but for transformation**
- 5. A declaration of loyalty and spiritual warfare – kingdom of light versus the kingdom of darkness**

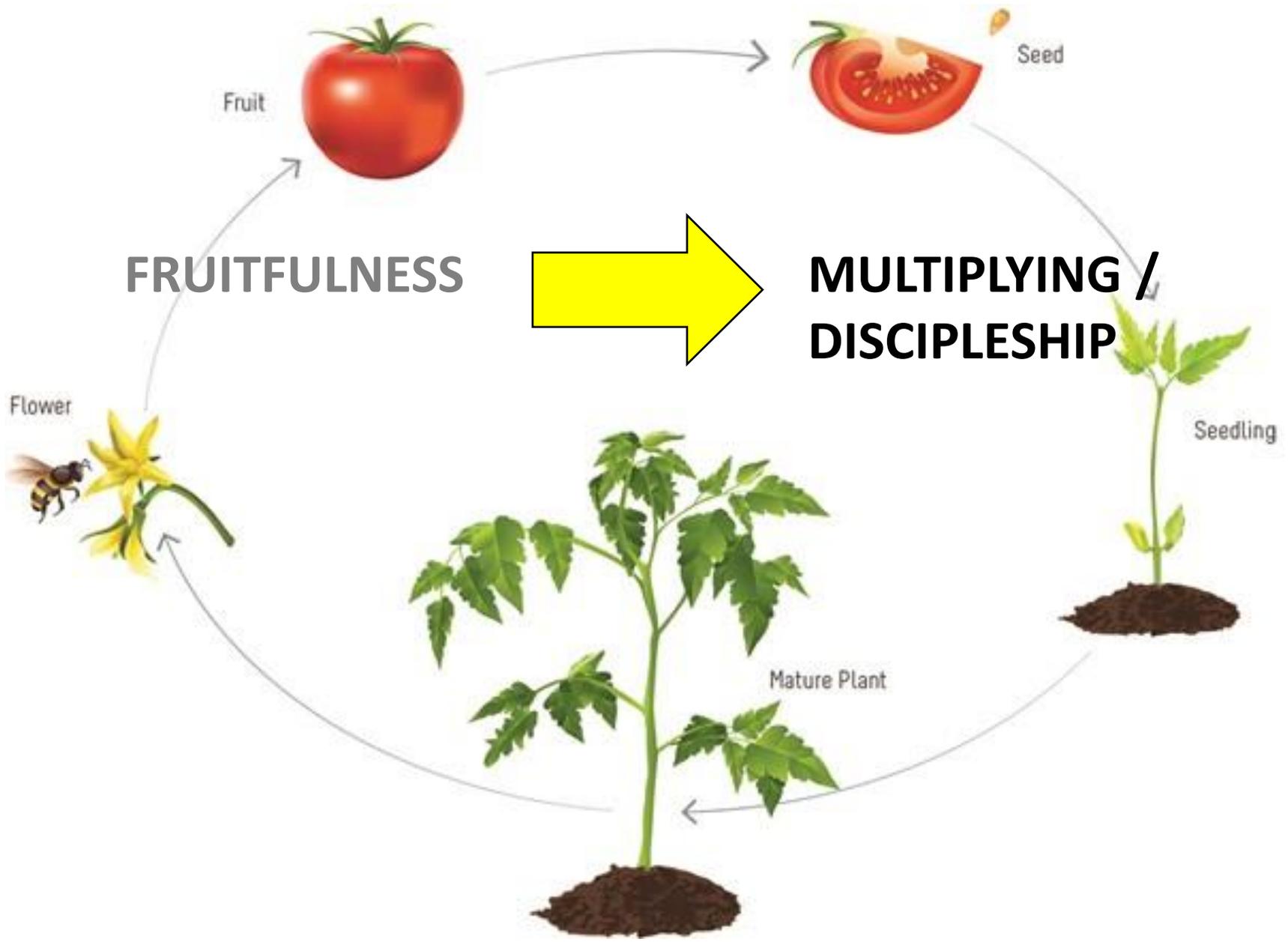
What did Jesus say?

Personal Spiritual Maturity Checklist = To Grow in ...

6. Witnessing & Disciple Making



GROW



FRUITFULNESS

**MULTIPLYING /
DISCIPLESHIP**

The Great Commission. Matthew 28:16-20





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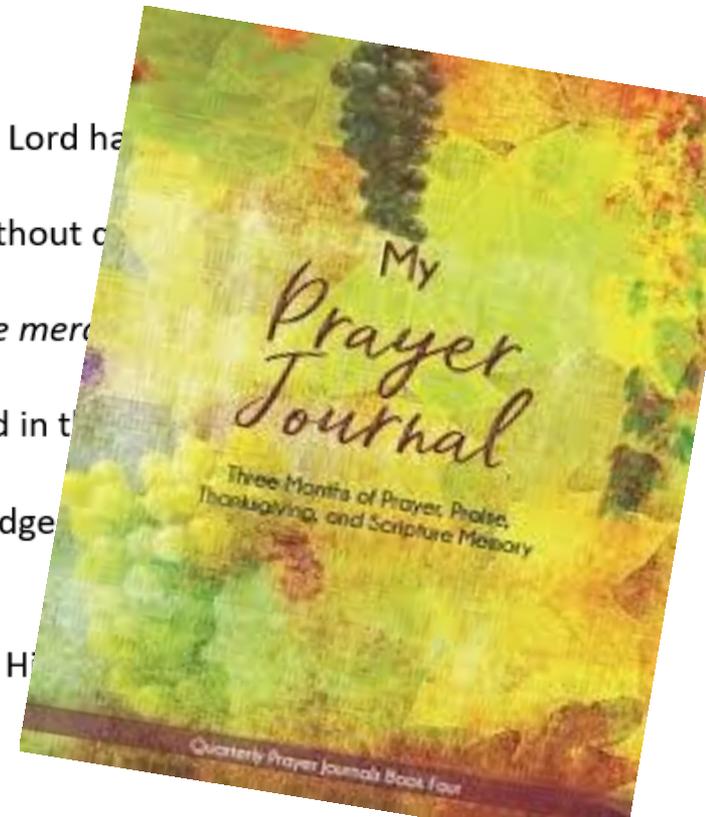
Lessons God is teaching me 2019 (vol.1)

29 December 2018

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Be witnesses to yourself

- The Lord hath need of them. - Matt 21:3
 - The context is that of lowly donkey (palm Sunday) and yet the Lord had need of them. Oh may I be similarly needed of the Lord, lowly as I am.
 - Whatever of ours Jesus asks the use of we should give Him without grudging.
- **I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold...**
- **Better than silver is wisdom.** - Prov 3:14
 - There is something that gives better returns than silver or gold in the markets. It is better to be wise than to be rich.
 - The dictionary defines *wisdom* as "the ability to discern or judge what is right, just, or lasting."
 - Seek wisdom.
 - Wisdom is a gift from God which He gives to those who ask of Him.
 - Jesus is the true source of wisdom.
- Who will you partner with to experience the joy of shared ministry?





Be witnesses to others

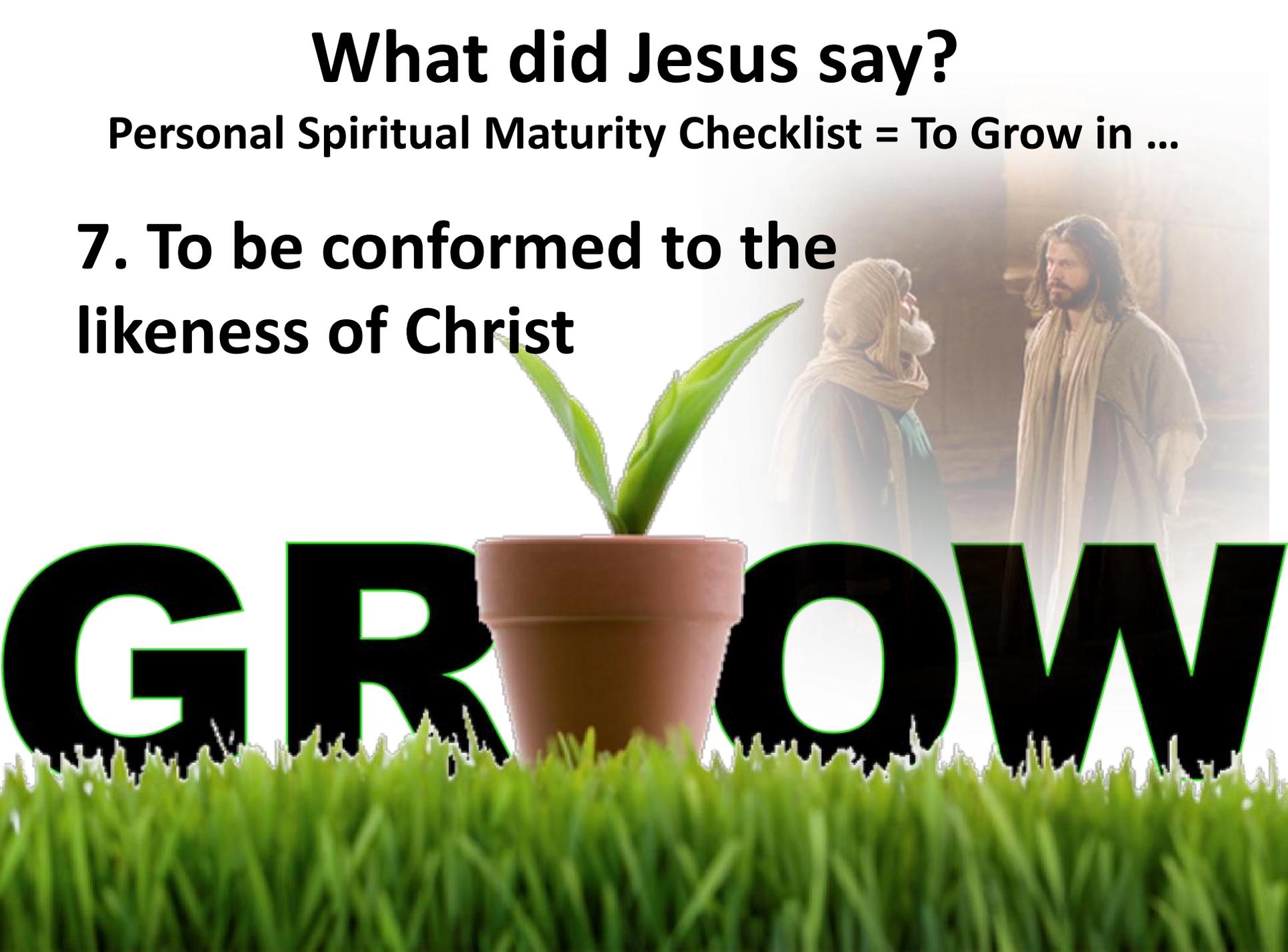
What is discipleship making?

- Just passing on what Jesus has passed on to you.
- Teach them to obey everything I have commanded (e.g. Interpreting the Bible, Preaching, Thirdmill, InTouch, Journaling, etc.)

What did Jesus say?

Personal Spiritual Maturity Checklist = To Grow in ...

7. To be conformed to the likeness of Christ



GROW



A *Life* Transformed

Romans 6:11

Romans 8:28-30

- **Conformed to the image of His Son. This is our predestination. The assurance of our salvation and the cumulation of all the good that God will do.**
- **God desires we be (more and more) an image of Jesus. How? The Holy Spirit is transforming our lives – shifting out all the weaknesses and wrong thinking, and making us more and more mature in Christ.**

A *Life* Transformed

Romans 6:11

conclusion

**for
good.**

conclusion



**for
good.**

It is not burdensome.

(burdensome = difficult to carry out, taxing; undesirably restrictive) Who told you it is burdensome? It is Satan or your carnal self that doesn't want to give up your self-life. It is not burdensome.

conclusion

A square frame with a thick black border. Inside the frame is a background of a sky with soft, white and light blue clouds. The text "for good." is written in a large, bold, black sans-serif font in the lower-left corner of the frame.

**for
good.**

The main idea is desiring to grow and growing. **Not perfection.** For no one except God is perfect. Through the eyes of you Heavenly Father.

conclusion

**for
good.**

Great [*polus-much; many*] **is your reward** [*misthos-pay for service*] **in heaven** – Matt 5:12

Matt 16:27; Luke 19: 15-19;
1 Cor 3:11-14; 2 Cor 9:6;
Phil 3:14; 2 Tim 4:8;
Heb 11:26; Rev 22:12

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL MATURITY CHECKLIST

- 1. Faith**
- 2. Faithfulness**
- 3. Love & Obedience**
- 4. Abiding & Fruitfulness**
- 5. Kingdom Living**
- 6. Witnessing & Disciple Making**
- 7. To be conformed to the likeness of Christ**