

# Going on to Maturity 8

A study about Christian maturity and what it looks like.

Having laid some of the founding principles of Christian Maturity that define us as God's people, it is time to explore how this will be revealed in some of the specific issues of our lives.

The previous studies included among other things; maturity as Gods call to us, turning away from sin, thinking different about things, realizing our lives belong not to ourselves but to God and that maturity is worked out not in isolation but within the body of Christ, that is the Church Community.

The following studies will be characterized by a similar approach to a particular issue including a discussion about the way the world seems to approach this issue; a look into some scriptures and then reviewing it in the light of the principles we have already established.

## Family

### **The world's perspective.**

1. Discuss what you see as the world's view of Family.
2. What evidence do you see or hear that confirms this viewpoint.
3. Is there consistency within the "worlds" view or are there a range of opinions?

### **The Christian Perspective**

1. Discuss what you see as the Christian view of Family.
2. What evidence do you see or hear that confirms this viewpoint.

3. Is there consistency within the Christian view or are there a range of opinions?

### **The Issue of Family**

1. What is it about Family that makes it important for us as Maturing Christians to discuss it?

### **A biblical perspective**

Check out the following verses related to Family.

(This is only a small selection and may be supplemented by other scriptures that you are aware of.)

Heb 11:7; 1Tim 5:8,16; 1Tim 3:1-5; Acts 6:31-34; Matt 19:29; Amos 5:4; Luke 14:12, Gen 18:19, Deut 6:1-9.

1. What is the general concept you pick up from these scriptures?
2. What is the relationship between your attitude to Family and spiritual maturity? (Gen 18:19, 1 Tim 3:4,5,11-13)

### **Review**

1. How would you apply the lessons of the previous studies to this issue?
2. An important aspect of Christian Maturity is that it is worked out in the body of Christ. How does that apply in this instance?

### **Conclusion**

Make it personal.

1. How will this study affect the way you think and behave in regards to Family?

Spend time in prayer and encouragement with each other