

IT'S NOT ABOUT U

- I. The life of an Adamant Believer is about denying oneself and doing God's will. When we lack purpose, we are unhappy with our progress. Our purpose should always come from God. This secures us and validates us. After all, if God be for you, then it really doesn't matter who is against you. **Rom. 8:31** *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*
- II. It's not about us, but it's about the kingdom of God being established. When we spend time seeking our needs and desires we waste time that could be spent finding God's plan. God's purpose is not in our fleshly desires so we must forsake our feelings to accept his plan. **Matt. 6:33** *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*
- III. Why are you praying about it if you are seeking to please yourself? God is not the giver of your will, but he is the orchestrator of his will. So, you must decide whether you will do things your way or God's way. If you aren't going to listen to Him, why consult Him? **James 1:23-24** *For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and*



straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

- IV. If you are pleasing yourself, chances are, you are forsaking God. If you always divert to your way then you are forsaking God. If you can't be trusted by God to listen and obey Him then you will not be used by Him. We cannot take authority over the devil with our will. It must be God's doing.
- V. Religious people feel they are mature in God. They feel they are mature enough to make their own decisions and do God's will without God. But the very fact that they preach a works Gospel shows that they are not mature. They base salvation on what folks wear, how folks appear, and what they have accomplished. This is a person with a spiritual birth defect that keeps them from growing. **Matt. 23:28** *Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.*
- VI. Our actions speak much louder than our words. We can speak in tongues, read the bible everyday, and pray like Mother Theresa. But if we do not know how to walk apply it, then we are still babes. If we constantly need the approval of others, we are babes. If we don't know how to receive correction, follow leadership, and submit to authority, **then we are babes.**

True spiritual maturation is shown, not spoken. **2Tim. 4:5** *But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.*

True spiritual growth is exhibited in our actions and deeds. We know we are growing in Christ when his will becomes ours and our will dies. The problem with many of our modern day churches is that they cater to babes and never truly allow people to grow. Children want it their way or they throw tantrums and fits when they do not get it.

Keys to maturing as a believer:

1. **Reading the word** - Babies can't read
2. **Praying** - Babies attention span is too short to spend a lot of time focusing.
3. **Forgetting your past** - your past is not license to minister. God wants to use your present state instead.
4. **Hearing the word** - if you listen to candy land messages you will develop spiritual childhood diabetes.
5. **Apply the word** - why read and pray if you can't apply? and why apply the word certain times, but apply your attitude other times?
6. **Fellowship** - if you do not hook up with a fellowship of believers, you will operate with no balance.
7. **Mentorship** - the person God puts in your life to mentor you will not agree with everything you are doing!
8. **Deny self** - if it's about you, then it's not about the kingdom.
9. **Honor God's order** - husbands love your wives. wives, submit to your husbands. children obey your parents. God only works through his order.
10. **Give cheerfully** - children don't like to share. they don't like to give up anything that is theirs. but as they grow, they realize it's more blessed to give than to receive. And you must give up things to make room for new and better things.

Summary: Mature believers know it's not about them. They know it's not about how they look, how they feel, and what they "feel" is right. It's about what the word of God says and how we can benefit the Kingdom of God. It's bigger than you or me. When we focus on ourselves and began to base our decisions on how we feel, we have surrendered to the plan of enemy. But when we deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus, we can be used for the big picture, which is, ministry for the Kingdom.

Ephesians. 4:14-15 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

