



YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN: PART 2

MAKING MATURITY HAPPEN

EPHESIANS 4:15

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¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, **we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.** ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR DESIRE?

EPHESIANS 4:22-24

²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, **to put off your old self**, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ **to be made new in the attitude of your minds;** ²⁴ and to **put on the new self**, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

I need to evaluate my desires and priorities.

If I want to mature in Christ, I must have Christ-Centered desires.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR DIET?

EPHESIANS 3:16-19

¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he [the Father] may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, **being rooted and established in love,** ¹⁸ **may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,** ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-8

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ **rooted and built up in him,** strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through **hollow and deceptive philosophy**, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of **this world rather than on Christ.**

I am what I eat. I need to be rooted in Christ. I must listen to him, obey him, and become like him. Jesus must be the dominant shaping influence of my life.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR DISCIPLINE?

EPHESIANS 6:13

¹³ Therefore **put on the full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may **be able to stand your ground**, and after you have done everything, to stand.

2 TIMOTHY 2:4-6

⁴ No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather **tries to please** his commanding officer.

⁵ Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by **competing according to the rules.** ⁶ The **hardworking** farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.

I need a plan of action. I need to make effort. I need to make measurable and verifiable goals?

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR DEEDS?

EPHESIANS 5:8-11, 15-17

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for **the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth**) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ **Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness**, but rather expose them. - - - ¹⁵ **Be very careful, then, how you live**—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

If I want to mature, I must be a doer. I must commit myself to doing what is good.

Maturity does. I must more than BELIEVE, I must BE-LIVE.

Maturity Won't Happen Without You. A Mature body Is Comprised of Mature Parts.