

Spiritual Maturity

The fundamental bond of trust we share with Jesus is the foundation for all subsequent growth and actions. 2 Peter 3:18 instructs us to develop, which means consistent growth, ongoing expansion, and growing wisdom.

List of do's and don'ts if we are to develop every day.

Contemplating God's word daily is our source of comfort and guidance. Hold God's Word close to your heart. It provides the consolation, direction, correction, and encouragement we require.

Recognise the mysteries of prayer. All prayers are answered, whether the response is 'Yes', 'No', or 'Wait'.

Dependency on the Spirit of God. For us, the Holy Spirit makes intercession. Let the Spirit take charge of your life's circumstances. Rom. 8:26

Consistent church attendance—Nothing can replace going to church, and as Christians, we must come together to worship God and support one another.

Let Love serve as the compass for our lives. "If you love one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples" (John 13:35). Love is one of the Christian identities.

Act as a devout Christian. Put Christ first in all of your life's decisions.

Pay attention to temptation. Being tempted is not sinful, but giving in turns it into a sin. Trust in the Holy Spirit to fight your battle.

We have to live like Christ. We should live and look in a way that honours the Gospel and draws others to it.

Act as a Christian witness. Words and deeds are the two ways we bear witness, and they should be used in tandem whenever feasible.

Before continuing on your spiritual path, take some time to reflect on yourself. Find a peaceful location and spend some time in prayer.

February News and Notices

- Sunday Services As always unless notified otherwise, these are in church at 9:45am.
- 3 C's meetings in February are on Monday, the 3rd, 10th and 24th 2-4pm.
- CAMEO: 2-4pm on Monday 17th February War of the Roses.
- Sunday School We have a Younger Sunday School, during our Sunday morning services in the Lounge (except the first Sunday of the month, when parents can use the lounge with their children, some resources will be provded to use). There is also an Older Sunday School (8-12 years old) on the first Sunday of each month.
- The Parish Youth Group (for 11-14 year olds) meets every Friday at St Mary's Hall, except for the last Friday of the month when it is at St James for sports.

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