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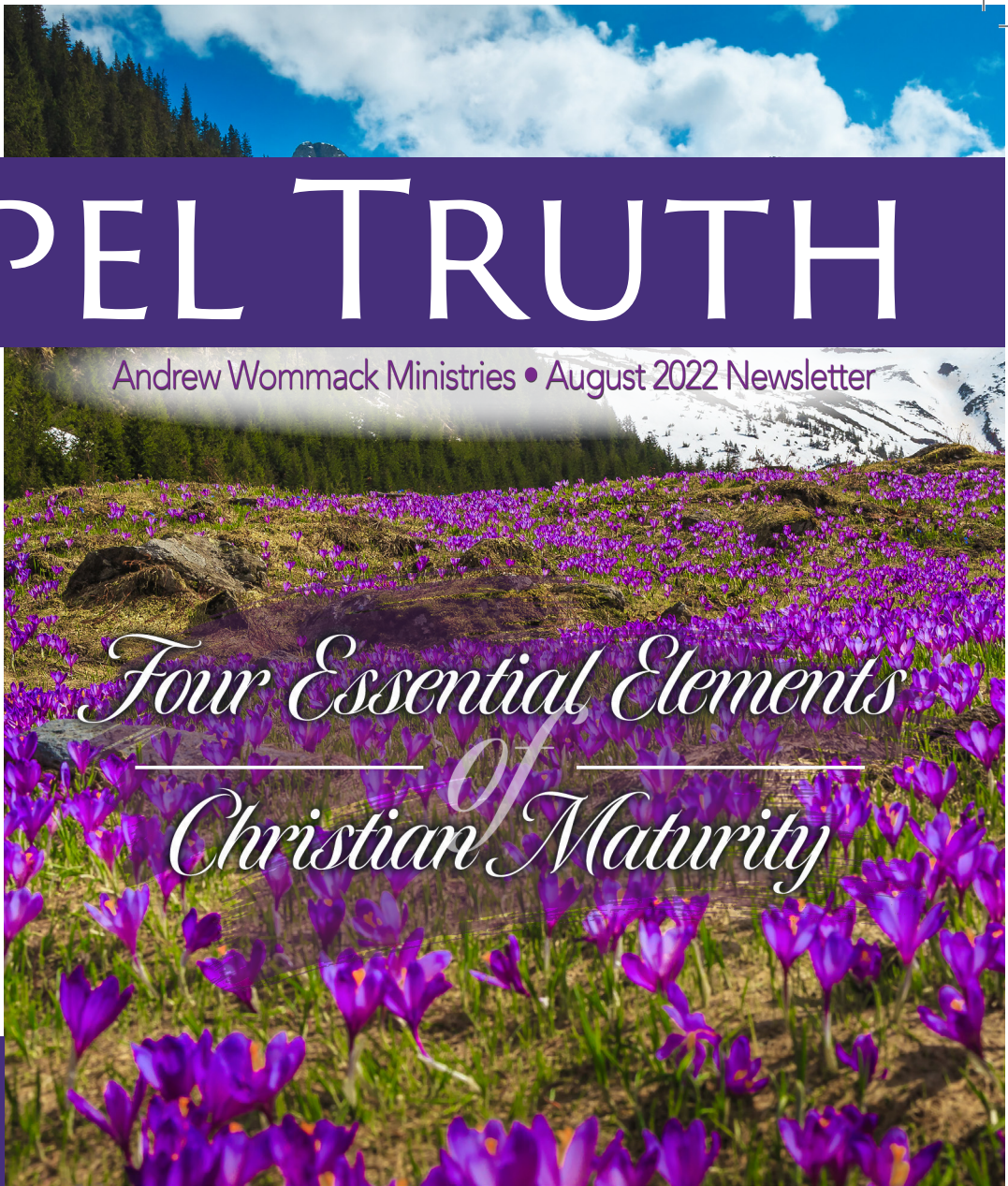
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Four Essential Elements of Christian Maturity



Everyone loves babies. They are cute and so much fun, but they grow up. How weird would it be for a baby boy to still be sucking his thumb when he's forty years old and has a beard! It's precious when a child first crawls, but something would be wrong if they never learned to walk.

Growth is normal in the natural world and should be in our spiritual lives also. But there is a pandemic of spiritual immaturity in the body of Christ today. Many Christians have not gone beyond the baby food stage stage into eating strong meat yet (Heb. 5:14). This is not the Lord's will. He wants us to grow up.

First Peter 2:1-3 says,

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Unlike our physical bodies which grow naturally, we must pursue spiritual maturity. It doesn't happen automatically.

I have a new teaching that gives four essentials for spiritual maturity. They are total surrender, renewing of the mind, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and discovering our new identity in Christ. Just as a forty-year-old who can't walk, talk, or take care of himself would still be a baby, so any believer who is lacking in these four areas has not reached Christian maturity.

Romans 12:1 says that being a living sacrifice is only our reasonable service. The *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition* says being a living sacrifice is "your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship." That's saying being totally committed to the Lord isn't just for the clergy or the "super saints." It just makes sense for each one of us to give all we have and be thankful to Him for all He has done for us. That's the first step towards maturity.

Then Romans 12:2 gives us the second step towards spiritual maturity: we are to renew our minds through the Word of God. God's Word contains everything essential for us to grow up in Him. The truth of God's Word will make us free (John 8:32), but it's only the truth we know that makes a difference. What we don't know is killing us! That is literally true (Hos. 4:6).

The Christian life is about more than being born again and then waiting to go to heaven. It's sad to say, but there are so many Christians who don't know that. They don't understand what it takes to grow in Christ, and they

therefore don't live the abundant life God has for them (John 10:10).

Some believers know there must be more than what they are experiencing, but they don't know how to find it. They are trying hard to grow through their own effort. They don't realise that Christian maturity isn't just difficult, it's impossible on our own. That brings me to the third element of Christian maturity. You must have the power of God's Holy Spirit working in you to mature.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is one of the greatest gifts the Lord has given us. It is so important to receive the Holy Spirit that Jesus even said it was to our advantage for Him to leave because then the Holy Spirit would come (John 16:7). That's amazing!

I would never take anything away from the ministry of Jesus while He was here on this earth. It was totally supernatural. But Jesus said having the Holy Spirit *in* us is better than having Him *with* us. Wow! That's saying a lot. It is impossible to mature without the help of the Holy Spirit. He's our teacher, but we have to show up for class.

Then, and only then, will we begin to get a revelation of our true identity in Christ. One of the most mature believers in Scripture was the Apostle Paul. He wrote half of the books in the New Testament. What was his secret? It was Christ living through him by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 2:20 says,

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

An identity crisis is a huge hinderance to Christian maturity. It's not who we are on the outside that counts. It's who we have become in Christ that is the new creation spoken of in 2 Corinthians 5:17.

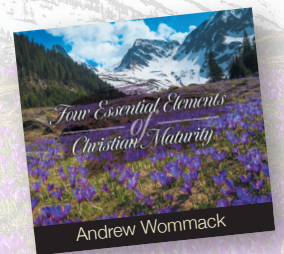
I would love for you to get this new series I've just made. It will expand on each of the points I've made in this article, and I believe it would give you a track to run on towards becoming mature in the Lord.

We love you and want God's best for you!

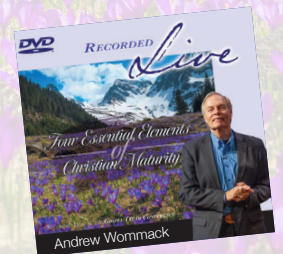
Andrew and Jamie

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You don't want to spend your whole life as a spiritual baby! The Word tells us that to experience the fullness of God, you must go from milk (1 Pet. 2:1–3) to the solid food of the Bible. But what does that look like exactly? It starts with being willing and obedient—setting yourself aside to be God's vessel. What follows is renewing your mind, walking in the power of the Holy Spirit, and understanding your identity in Christ. This teaching from the Washington, DC, Gospel Truth Conference 2022 will show you the basics of what it means to become a mature Christian!



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Divine Connections - At The European Ministers Conference

"The Lord is at work. The Lord is at work, for sure." This is how Dominic Burns, Director of Andrew Wommack Ministries Europe, would describe what God is doing through the European Ministers' Conference. Miracles have been happening at the event for over twenty-five years. However, they are not the miracles you typically hear about. Men and women of God from all over the world come to Walsall, England, expecting to receive and to give. It is through this wonderful exchange between ministers that the miraculous takes place; it often happens in the simplest of settings. "Every year, we see supernatural ministry relationships develop, without people intentionally coming to network as a goal and objective," Dominic Burns shares. "I have often thought, I'd love to get this person to talk to that person, but I have to go upstairs. He's on this side of the room; that person's on that side of the room. They haven't moved seats the whole week . . . And then I come downstairs later on, and they're sitting having coffee and talking."

The European Ministers' Conference provides the arena for God to weave together purposes, callings and people who otherwise might never meet. Dominic elaborates on this dynamic, saying, "There are supernatural relationships being facilitated through these meetings. If the meeting didn't happen, those relationships wouldn't come together. But because of these meetings, the Word and the Holy Spirit are bringing it all together. Because we're there providing the vehicle, they're coming in, they're gelling, and kingdom destinies are being established. Ministry is being received, ministry is being given . . .

the Kingdom is coming together and there are many dots being joined together that we hear about later." These dots connect even past religious borders and mindsets when ministers who meet realise that God is up to something. "It's more like the body of Christ having ministry time together; the scales of denominationalism or organisational branding fall from us all." Dominic continues, "We, the body of Christ, can all receive and build. We all have a similar mission, no matter where we go. We're going there in the name of Jesus to preach the Gospel, lay hands on the sick, see them recover, raise the dead, whatever it may be. We're all in it together."

Dominic talked about what his own divine connections have been like. He said, "I would meet someone at the Ministers' Conference. We'd sit down at a table, have a cup of coffee - 'How're you doing?' - they'd hear my accent and say, 'Oh, you're Irish.' I'd say, 'Yeah, I am. You're an American. What're you doing in Europe?'" Then, after exchanging stories and sharing hearts, they would realise that this was no chance encounter. God was orchestrating more than a meet and greet. He was leading them in a joint venture to do ministry together.

Regarding such ministry, Dominic shares about a mission trip he took to Bulgaria: "We brought students there to minister to the Roma gypsies all the time. We went out, we talked, we prayed with them, saw them healed, delivered, baptised in the Spirit. We sowed finances into that ministry and they got established . . . But that mission development work all happened because of the coffee at the last





Andrew Wommack



Billy Epperhart



Bob Yandian



Paul Milligan



Charlie & Jill Le Blanc

Ministers' Conference, because we were brought together by the ministry of the Word through Andrew Wommack Ministries and Charis Bible College." And that's just it. The Word that has changed these ministers' lives is what brought them together, and it's what continues to bind them together. This sense of unity, of family, is what keeps them coming back in higher numbers year after year. There were 305 in 2018 and 338 in 2019. These ministers came from Ireland, Scotland, South Africa, Nigeria, Uganda, Poland, Ghana, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Hungary, France, the Slovak Republic, Denmark, the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Ukraine, Russia, and the Czech Republic. Why are they making the effort? Because at this event, good fellowship is easy to find! All it might take is one afternoon or evening sitting around the table with a like-minded minister and coffee. Who knew?

"You'd almost think it was planned by someone, which it is," Dominic says with a smile. "The Lord, you know?"

Andrew Wommack returns to the UK for the European Ministers Conference in October 2022. This is yet another opportunity for divine connections. If you are a full-time minister, or involved in the five fold ministry, unplug from your busy schedule and come to this free conference. Register by calling our UK Helpline on **+44 (0)1922 473300**, Monday to Friday 8am - 9pm.

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Unity in the Church



Audrey Mack

Audrey miraculously met the Lord and was saved in Cannes, France, in 1985. She graduated from Rhema Bible Training Center and Victory World Mission Center and has been in ministry since 1987. Healed of bone cancer in 1999, Audrey has a desire to bring the message of grace, faith, and healing to this generation.

Audrey is one of the speakers at Women Arise 2022, taking place November 3–5 at Charis Bible College Woodland Park.

Keeping peace and unity in the church is essential! Some people believe it is not good or even possible to have a unified church, but Psalm 133:1 says, *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"*

Unity is conducive to the power, anointing, and blessings of God, and we see this in the book of Acts. In Acts 2, members of the early church were together in one accord, and they saw many miracles, signs, and wonders as a result. But what is true unity?

According to the book of Acts, **true unity is built upon the fear of the Lord**. For example, the Apostle Peter spoke before thousands of people without any fear of man in him. Despite being arrested and beaten, he was bold, and that emboldened the church. They were unified in fear of the Lord, but what is fear of the Lord? **Proverbs 8:13 says that the fear of the Lord is to hate evil.**

As I've travelled from church to church, I have seen an upsetting trend that I call **a false sense of unity**. Many pastors are afraid to address certain topics from the pulpit because they don't want to offend people - they want to keep "unity" in the church. That sounds noble and good, but what kind of unity does

that foster? It is not built upon the fear of the Lord. It's a unity that is based on compromise.

This is not love, nor is it unity. If pastors are afraid to address certain issues, is that because of the fear of man? Are you afraid to offend people? Some Christians praise the name of Jesus but have no problem casting their vote for politicians who promote things that the Bible is against. **This is hypocrisy.** Jesus said that hypocrisy is like leaven: even a little bit will spread and take over (Gal. 5:9). By not speaking the truth, pastors are rejecting the truth for their congregations rather than allowing their people to accept or reject the truth themselves.

Truth will offend people, but it's better than being lied to. If we want to see revival in the church, there needs to be a shift. Right now, there is a lot that looks and sounds godly but that denies life. As Christians, we must love truth, righteousness, and godliness more than whatever the world tells us is morally correct. It's not about political parties; it's about truth. **It's about what the Bible says.** Let us stand for the truth of the Bible, in fear of the Lord, for true unity in the church!



During their second year of studies, Charis Bible College students take part in one of the most important aspects of their education: their mission trip. These trips are life-changing not only for the people in the areas where students minister, but also for the students themselves.

Michelle Patterson, Charis Missions Trip Trainer, says, "Charis students are able to put into practice what they have been learning at Charis and share the grace message of Jesus, and while doing so, they are changed . . . They are the love of God in action!"

Charis US sent out twenty-eight teams with almost 600 students, interns, and staff during the 2021–2022 school year. Teams ministered in Alaska, Wyoming, Texas, North Carolina, Florida, Montana, Oklahoma, Alabama, Arizona, Vermont, Tennessee, and Colorado.

Several teams visited the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming. Sarah Lucas of Foundations for Nations Ministries, one of the host pastors for the missions trip, expressed gratitude, saying, "Charis teams make a huge impact on our ministry and community! The teams refresh and encourage our

staff and bring ministry to the community . . . When Charis comes, we have enough hands to get out into our community and do big outreaches and events. Charis teams this year helped in food drives that fed 781 people, filled up gas in 104 cars, did \$2500 in laundry, hosted three Vacation Bible Schools, passed out 500 Christmas presents, remodeled four native families' houses, worked on the construction of our church, and gave away clothing."

Sarah continued, "During all of those events, every person who came to receive help in tangible ways was presented with the Gospel and prayer. We saw people get healed on the sidewalk and slain in the spirit . . . We saw people crumble in the arms of Charis students as they poured out their stories and received prayer."

Students who participated in mission trips were also eager to express gratitude. Here is what some of them had to say:

There's something about working within a team - I learned so much from each one in my group, and I loved this week, including street ministry!
- Jutta W.

I am grateful for this renewed fire in me this week, hallelujah! Makes my heart soar with gladness and thanksgiving!
- Christine E.

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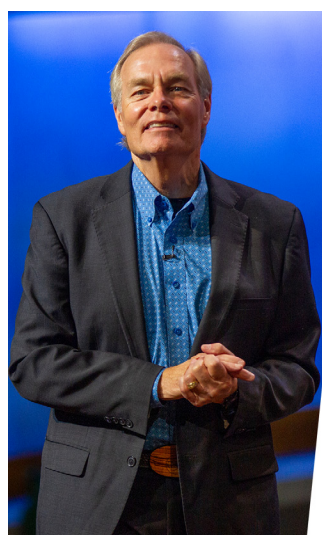
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