



**Striving  
toward  
Spiritual Maturity**

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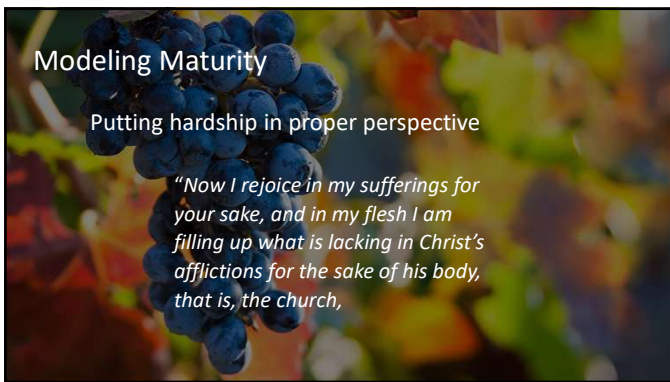
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**Modeling Maturity**

Putting hardship in proper perspective

*"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,*

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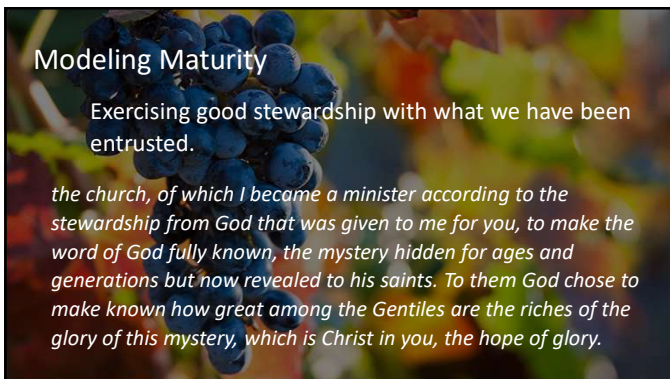
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**Modeling Maturity**

Exercising good stewardship with what we have been entrusted.

*the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

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**Prompting maturity**

**Warning**

*Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged,*

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**Prompting maturity**

**Instruction**

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**Prompting maturity**

**Effort**

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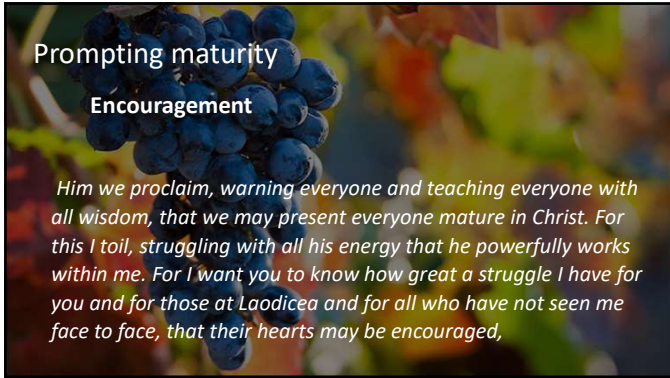
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**Prompting maturity**

**Encouragement**

*Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged,*

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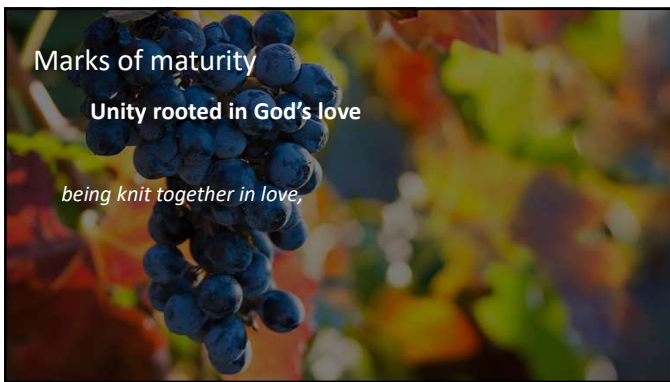
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**Marks of maturity**

**Unity rooted in God's love**

*being knit together in love,*

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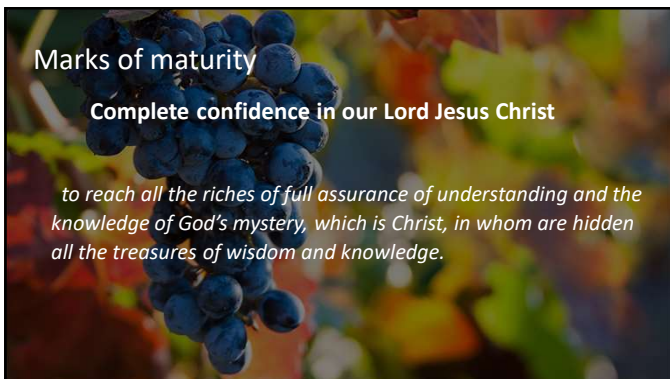
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**Marks of maturity**

**Complete confidence in our Lord Jesus Christ**

*to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

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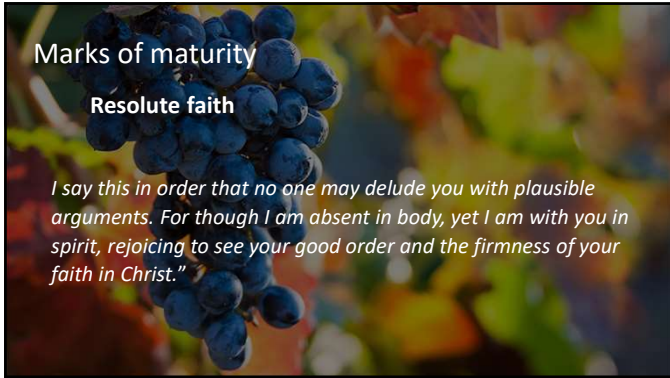
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