

The Goal

Two attributes of a mature follower:

1) _____

2) _____

Our Goal: To be _____ followers of Jesus.

Colossians 1:24–29 (ESV)

²⁴ 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,

²⁵ 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,

²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.

²⁷ 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.

²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone **mature in Christ**.

²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

3 ways we grow in maturity and evaluate our maturity...

1) _____ **hope through suffering.**

Ephesians 3:13 (ESV)

So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

2) _____ **in the season of suffering.**

Colossians 1:25 (ESV)

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

3) _____ **for Jesus despite our suffering.**

Colossians 1:28–29 (ESV)

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