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**What Is
Maturity
To You?**

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The “Great Reopening”

WILL RETURN

Please get me out of the house! Is everybody vaccinated?

When my kids are back in school! With my pandemic puppy

Wearing sweatpants 3 days a week

When my boss does Are you paying for childcare?

When I feel valued Yes but in a new career

How about never Already here

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Where
are we
to go?



Hebrews 5:14-6:3

“...solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Therefore, let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instructions about baptism, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And God permitting, we will do so.”

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**We should
go on
to maturity!**



Reflections?

Matthew 5:48 “Be perfect as your heavenly father is perfect.

Romans 12:2 “Be transformed by the renewing of your mind so that you can test and approve

what God’s good, pleasing, and perfect will is.”

2 Corinthians 12:9 “My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

James 1:25 “”..the one who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it – that person will be blessed in what they do.”

Hebrews 12:2 “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.”



Status?

A “dissatisfaction meeting”

C.H. Spurgeon “5 feet at the most club”

Milk and elementary teachings – ABC’s

Attainments already made – progress

Initial experiences

Symbolic customs


Doctrine of future events



Process and Progress

**“The acorn does not become
an oak in a day.”**

**Scholar? Soldier?
Apprentice? Artist?**



**“Brave soldiers die with their face to the foe.
Looking back never conquered a city, nor
achieved a work of art, nor wrote a book,
nor amassed a fortune. The silent inward cry
of the world’s great has ever been: On my
soul, right on.”**

(Biblical illustrator)



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Higher Ground



Let Us Fix Our Eyes On Jesus!

NLT – the champion who initiates and perfects our faith

NIV – the pioneer and perfecter of faith

ESV – the founder and perfecter of our faith

BSB – the author and perfecter of our faith

KJV – the author and finisher of our faith

NASB – the originator and perfecter of our faith

AMP – the originator and perfecter of the faith