



6:30pm Bible Study: Pastor Chip Luter

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## Authentic Spiritual Maturity (Part I) Romans 12:1-8

### Opening Discussion

- When children grow up, what are the signs or marks we look for to see if they are maturing?
- How does this relate to spiritual growth? Are these signs or marks the same? Or are they different?

### Key Marks of Authentic Spiritual Maturity

- I. Being a living **Sacrifice**
  - My life is not my own.
- II. Progressing in **Sanctification**
  - Phil. 3:20; Col. 3:2; Gal. 1:4
  - Matt. 5:13-14
  - John 17:14-16
- III. Being **Sober-Minded**
  - Key characteristic: Humility
  - 1 Pet. 5:8
  - Gal. 6:3-5
- IV. Exercising your **Spiritual Gifts**
  - Paul also speaks of spiritual gifts in 1 Cor. 12 and Eph. 4
  - The purpose for these gifts - 1 Cor. 12:7; Eph. 4:11-16



### Application – How Do We Pursue This?

- 1.) Daily sacrifice your **self** to the Lord.
  - Gal. 2:20
- 2.) Daily **seek** and **obey** to the will of the Lord.
  - Luke 9:23
- 3.) Daily **remind** yourself of who you are in Christ.
  - "Do I see myself as God sees me?"
- 4.) Constantly seek opportunities to **understand** and **use** your spiritual gifts.
  - Spiritual gifts are not for our enjoyment, they are for our employment.

### Bottom Line

Authentic spiritual maturity happens from the **inside-out**.