

Daily Devotion For January 23, 2022

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to **grow up** in every way into him who is the head, into Christ". Ephesians 4:15

The last two days we have talked about Rick Warren's 5 "M's" of being a Purpose Driven Church." The first "M" is to **Magnify** the Lord, the second "M" is **Membership**, being involved in the congregational life of the church, and today I want us to think about the third M which is **Maturity**. Maturity really means that we are "**growing up**" in Christ.

Have you ever heard of an adult asking a child, "what do you want to be when you grow up? Sometimes you may get responses of being a doctor, a lawyer, a firefighter, or a nurse. But have you ever heard a child say that when I grow up I wanted to be like Jesus? And yet, as God's children, that is His desire for us. Not just to grow a year older in our faith but to grow up spiritually so that our lives reflect more and more the life and character of Jesus.

**Thought For Today:** Consider, are you growing a year older in the Christian faith or are you growing up to be more like Jesus in thought, word, deed, and actions.

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Pray that you and our El Estero Church family would be growing up in Christ. Deo Volente.