

Old enough to grow up

Ephesians 4:14-16

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

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Mature are
Learn from Me. Matthew 11:29
Don't be ignorant. 1 Thess.4:13

Mature are
Stand firm in the faith. 1 Cor.16:13
Be strong in the Lord. Eph.6:10
Be strong and courageous. Josh.1:9

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¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Love speaks the truth about
Love speaks the truth about
O God, help me to believe the truth about myself, not matter how it is.
Love speaks the truth in

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¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Connect to
Abide in Me. John 15:5
Connect to
Saved to serve!

My prayer priorities for this week

For personal reflection and prayer, or as discussion starters

1. When you were a child, what was the best, and worst, thing about being young? Did you enjoy being asked what you wanted to be when you grow up? What was your answer to their question? How close was your answer to what you actually became?
2. As a child, were you ever asked "Who does God want you to be?" Suggest an appropriate age for that question to be asked. Who does God want you to be (Ephesians 4:15)? List some practical expressions of being who God wants you to be.
3. Create 2 lists. Column A: the indicators of immaturity, and Column B: the indicators of maturity. (List at least characteristics in each column.) How can you convince, or help, someone develop less of Column A and more of Column B?
4. "True friends say good things behind your back, and bad things to your face." Explain this saying. What are some advantages of saying the truth about God, and disadvantages of telling lies? What are some advantages of saying the truth about myself, and disadvantages of telling lies? What are some advantages of saying the truth to others, and about others, and disadvantages of telling lies?
5. Read Ephesians 4:16. Why do you need Jesus? Why do we need one another? Why do we need non-believers? What do you most need to become more like the person God wants you to be?