

The ONE Voice
“Pressing into Maturity”
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Philippians 3:12-17 CSB

Pressing into Maturity

1. Realize you _____.

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2. Realize we are _____.

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Philippians 3:15a CSB

3. Realize we will need _____.

¹⁵ And if you think differently about anything, **God will reveal this also to you.**
Philippians 3:15b CSB

⁵ Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously...
James 1:5 CSB

- God, help me to see what You see.
- God, what am I not seeing?

- God, reveal the lies that I believe.
- Lord, align my heart with Yours.
- Lord, what are my next steps?

4. Live it _____.

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Philippians 3:16-17 CSB

Challenge:

- Which one of the points is the most difficult for you? What do you need to do in order to grow that area of your life?
- How can you better lean into the help and power of the Holy Spirit this week?
- Spend time this week asking God to bring breakthrough clarity in the areas that you don’t see yet.

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Life Group Homework

For the week of April 18, 2021

MY STORY

- 1) If you could go to any concert and listen to any musician or band (who are alive or now passed on), who would it be?
- 2) What brought you joy this week?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What was your takeaway from Sunday's message?

DIGGING DEEPER/ TAKING IT HOME

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¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Philippians 3:12-21 ESV

- 4) What does Paul want us to press on toward, and what does that mean?
- 5) What are some of the struggles with growing to maturity?
- 6) What does Paul say is a hallmark of maturity in our thinking, and why is that a big deal?
- 7) How does maturity bring clarity?

8) How is imitating the mature helpful?

9) What could you do to grow more towards maturity?

10) What are the biggest obstacles of maturity?

11) What step can you take to remove an obstacle mentioned above?

CHAIR TIME TOOL

Pray through the following questions.

- 1) Lord, what do I need to let go of to grow in maturity?
- 2) What lies do I believe that I need to get rid of and renounce?
- 3) What do you want me to hear from you?