Failure to Launch

When will I grow up?

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The Goal = Mature in Christ

When I do, HOW I experience life changes.

Thread: So, where is your faith?

"This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is God's word. The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved." **Luke 8:11-12 NLT**

"The seeds on the rocky soil represent those who hear the message and receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation." **Luke 8:13 NLT**

"And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest." **Luke 8:15 NLT**

What is maturity?
Living a very different life than most other people.

"The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity." **Luke 8:14 NLT**

"*Cares" — Anxiety, that brings disruption to the personality and the mind.*

"That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? ...And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today." **Matthew 6:25-27, 30-34 NLT**

Jesus added "*The pleasures of this life*" also rob us or DISTRACT us from maturing.

Challenge:

- Are you inviting deep roots?
- Are you developing Christ-like character?
- Are you sifting through your motives for how you live your life?
- Will you put yourself in God's path to SEE, HEAR and BELIEVE what He does?
- Are you trusting Him with your heart, mind, soul and strength?

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