

Keep Maturing Spiritually - Don't Slacken Off

In life, we all get 'slack' with some things that we've determined to do. Whether it's going to the gym, swimming laps, keeping our New Year's resolutions, visiting our parents, saving money, and many more. You name it, we diminish our resolve to keep doing them over time.

Some prime reasons for slowing down or stopping doing something can be:

- Running out of time
- Worn out
- Feeling lazy
- Who cares!
- We're not appreciated

Our resolve to stay focused and continue strongly in so many things declines as we lose resolve and commitment. This unproductive attitude and behaviour is so common in our natural lives that it's easy to slip into the same laziness with our spiritual life as sons. If this does transpire, then it's to the impairment of our maturity in our sonship.

If we are to fully achieve everything Father wants us to attain, then maturing as speedily as possible through life is essential. The same applies to being productive and effective for the Kingdom. It's just like slackening off in our academic studies, so we don't achieve the best grades and qualifications that we could will deplete our potential and our usefulness in our chosen vocation.

Father is interested in us 'staying the course' and flourishing in our sonship so we can mature to the point of functioning at higher levels. For example: His plan for The Restoration of All Things can't be achieved while sons stay content with where their maturity is at.

In this regard, Father says:

*"It is time to take the next step in spiritual progression. Rise a little higher in your commitment to be all that you can be in me," says the Lord. "You have come this far, but you must not get stuck in where you have been and what you have done. There is more for you to understand and accomplish in the days ahead. Be flexible and be willing."*¹

Time to resolve to spend time in Father's presence, connecting with him in the spirit all day long and listening to what he's wanting to say to us. All those are essential for our growth and development as sons.

REMEMBER: Unlike parents and school teachers, father is NOT going to push us to mature. It's our responsibility to want to mature, while he's always there to coach, teach and train us, but he can only do that when we decide that we want to.

Update

Father says:

"Growth is the epitome of incremental change, and spiritual growth requires change. The only thing holding you back is your resistance. You cannot keep things the way they are and grow at the same time. Something has to give, and that would be your will. Be willing to let go of everything that has outlived its usefulness," says the Lord."²

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1 – Marsha Burns "Small Straws in the Soft Wind" (Feb. 1, 2025) www.ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2025.htm]

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