

Living in a Mature Spiritual State

What does it look like to live in a mature state of spirituality? Well, thanks to visual media, we've been conditioned to think of someone like a guru or a New Age master.

It's different in the church system, of course, where maturity is unwittingly seen as being super-spiritual. You know what that looks like: Spending lots of time reading the Bible; an expert in prayer and fasting; functioning in the gifts of the Spirit in a big way; involved in unorthodox spiritual activity; having a big following; is much sought-after; etc.

Here's 'the rub' – Jesus of Nazareth operated in mature spirituality. Remember, he's our prototype, the one that our King wants us to model ourselves after.¹

What was Jesus like in everyday life? Read this article on my website to get an idea: "Jesus Our Prototype and Model"².

What does spiritual maturity look like for sons in the Kingdom today? It's:

- living life like everyone else, but righteously³;
- mixing with anyone and everyone;
- impacting people and the nation with the Kingdom, when the opportunity arises;
- exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit;
- living peacefully and at rest;
- learning through spiritual communication;
- having the right focus: The King, the Kingdom; and the King's business;
- leaning into Heaven for the supply of every need;
- being able to satisfactorily answer people's questions;
- etc.

Notice the difference there? Compare the above list and what people think spiritual maturity looks like.

As I mature in my sonship, I'm living and operating more and more like the points in the above list. That has involved bringing my mind and my soul into subjection to my spirit, something that I continually work on. Slowly, I'm maturing, even if I can't see any change, because it's happening inside me and will manifest externally as time goes on.⁴

Here's some background information from Mike Parsons on the changes in him as he's matured in his sonship:

"When you say you've never felt more loved, at peace, and joyful, but it doesn't seem to go anywhere, that's not a bad thing! That is the mature state. In reality, you are probably doing things in your spirit that you don't necessarily need to know in the soul. Coming to that place where you don't need to know is probably the process you're in, because God wants you to get to that place where you can be and not just do. The doing flows out of the being..."

[O]f course, yes, I did apply the blood of Jesus to my DNA. I did apply communion. I did do those

1 – "See Me As Your Prototype" (24-3-2015) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/33b-See-Me-As-Your-Prototype.pdf

2 – "Jesus Our Prototype and Model" (13-9-2017) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Jesus-Our-Prototype-and-Model.pdf

3 – "'Ungodly' or 'Unrighteous'" (23-8-2023) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Ungodly-or-Unrighteous.pdf

4 – "Don't Get Discouraged When You Feel You're Progressing Very Slow" (9-6-2024)

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things. I did go to my mountain and govern and rule, and I did go to the courts and do various things. **I don't do that consciously anymore.** It's not that I'm not doing it, but I don't have to be focused on it because my spirit is capable of doing that while I'm functioning here and enjoying life. God wants you to have a place of love, joy and peace here, to enter into rest and enjoy life.”⁵

Notice how things changed with him, and in him. He used to do some things in the natural, but now he does them with his spirit. Other things he's discarded as he's matured, including how he's taught about spiritual matters and about sonship.

“I would not look for people to affirm what you are hearing from the Father yourself. That is what you need to focus on... Personally, I don't listen to anybody. I'm not saying that arrogantly – I spend time listening to God. Yes, I hang out with some people sometimes and talk, but I don't listen to other people's sermons, messages, or read their books generally. I have too much invested in my time with God and enjoying life to spend all that time looking at what God said to somebody else. Now if God asked me to listen to something, I would.”⁶

(Permission to quote Mike Parsons received on 20-7-2020)

To live in more maturity, we have to allow Father to deprogram us and then reprogram us with his reality⁷. From then on, we'll be able to let him retrain us to live as a son, and then we'll be able to mature spiritually as we let him grow and develop us.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

5 – Mike Parsons “334. Embracing Spiritual Rest” (5-6-2024) freedomarc.blog/2024/06/05/334-spiritual-rest

6 – Mike Parsons “330. Find Truth Within: Trust Your Own Connection with God” (23-5-2024)
freedomarc.blog/2024/05/23/find-truth-within/

7 – MESSAGE: “Seek Reality” (7-5-2024) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/KCC-MESSAGE-Seek-Reality-7-5-2024.pdf