

# Paradigm Discipleship

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## A MATURING DISCIPLE

Maturing as a believer is just as the word suggests, a process. We all have our good days and our bad days, but generally speaking, we should all be progressing. As 2 Corinthians 3:18 says,

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

It is important to note that rather than a list of activities or actions a mature disciple must “do”, what follows is a list of things that a maturing disciple is progressing towards *being*. Discipleship is simply walking with another person as you both, with eyes fixed on the city that is to come, are being changed by the Holy Spirit from glory to glory into the image of Christ.

As you begin the process of investing your life into the life of another, listen to the exhortation Peter gives in his second letter in chapter 1,

“For this very reason, *make every effort* to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are *increasing*, they keep you from *being ineffective or unfruitful* in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.”

The following list is a tool, a guide, for you to use as you invest your life into someone else and also for yourself, as each of you “make every effort” to progress towards being:

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| ...in love with God.  | ...submitted to one another in the fear of Christ   |
| ...one who loves others sacrificially.                                | ...committed to being free from sin, walking in integrity, and pure in all relationships. |
| ...one who is consistently in the Word.                               | ...willing to be known, vulnerable.   |
| ...a doer of the Word.  | ...a spiritual reproducer.  |
| ...one who prays passionately for the lost.                           | ...thankful.  |
| ...one who moves towards the lost, the broken hearted, and the needy. | ...faithful and diligent in responsibilities.   |
| ...a servant.   | ...devoted to God’s kingdom with purity, sincerity, and singleness of heart.              |
| ...one who waits for direction and provision from God.                | ...able to walk in the gifts of the Spirit.   |
| ...submissive to the Holy Spirit’s direction.                         | ...able to minister and love others during trying circumstances                           |
| ...captured by the Glory of God among the nations.                    | ...generous with time & money.  |
| ...humble, teachable, and willing to change.                          |   |
| ...submitted to authority.  |   |