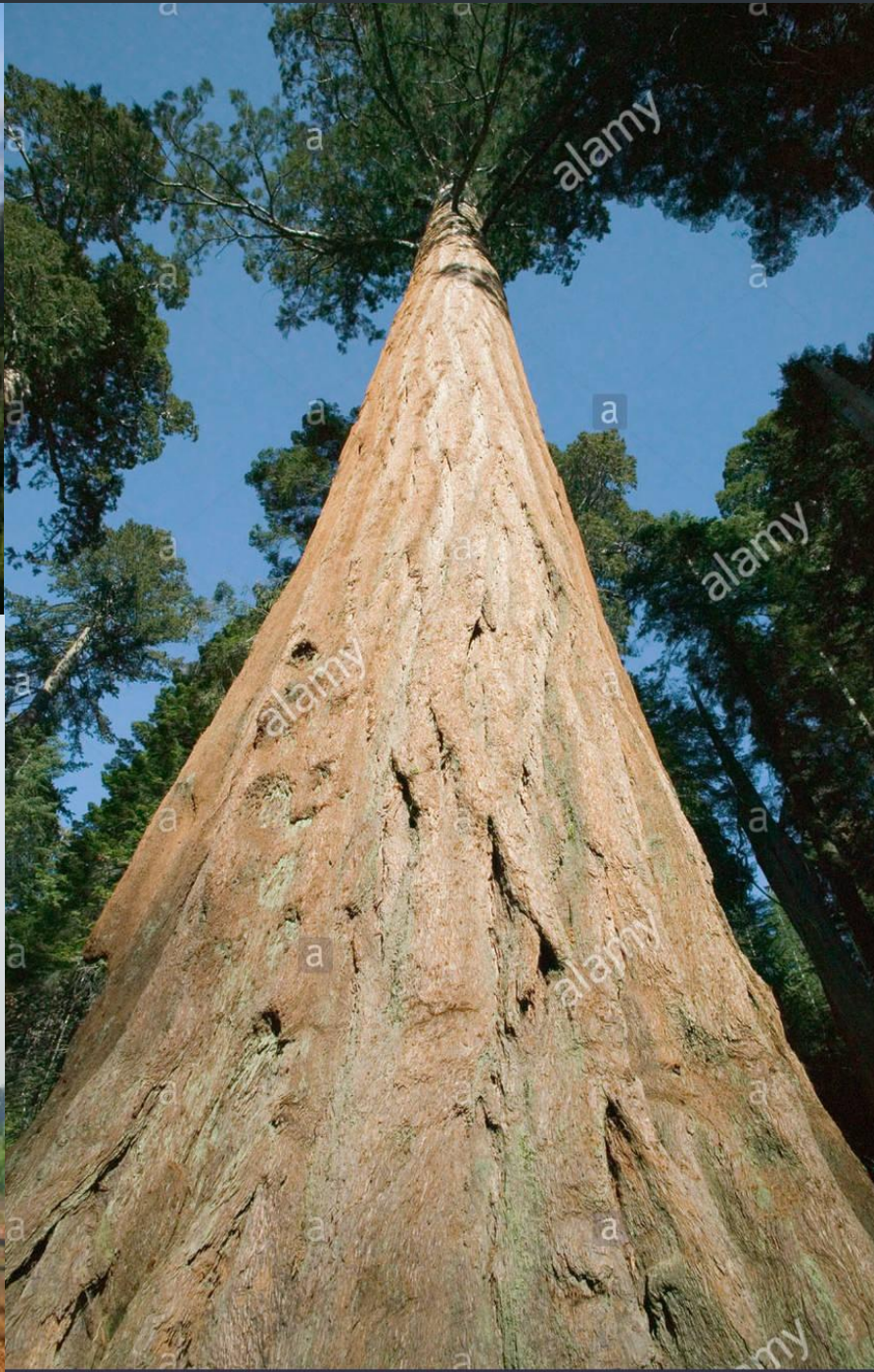


What does it mean to be spiritually mature

(what it means)



MATURATION is the process that a living thing goes through as it ages and becomes ripe or fully developed.

As something becomes **mature** it goes through maturation. To be mature is to be ripe, ready, and fully grown



婴儿期
0~1岁



幼儿期
1~3岁



学龄前期
3~6/7岁



学龄期
6/7~11/12岁(女)
6/7~13/14岁(男)



青春期
11/12~17/18岁(女)
13/14~18/20岁(男)

Hebrews 6:1-3


1 So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds^a and placing our faith in God. **2** You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. **3** And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding.

John 15:1-8 (NLT)

"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. **2**He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. **3**You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. **4**Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

5"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

6Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. **7**But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! **8**When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father



When I speak of a man growing in grace, I mean simply this- that his sens of sin is becoming deeper, his faith stronger, his hope brighter, his love more extensive, his spiritual-mindedness more marked. He feels more of it in his life. He is going on from strength to strength, from faith to faith and from grace to grace.

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(Christ formed in You)

Philippians 3:12-16

12 I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. 13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, ^d but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

15 Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. 16 But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.