

“Step Up to Maturity”

Eph. 4:14-16

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

I guess every parent of a teenager has to have that “it’s-time-to-grow-up” talk. Karen and I did it with our kids. I can remember on several occasions pulling my boys aside and saying, “Look fellas, you’re getting too old for this,” and “You need to stop acting like a child.” I wasn’t going to put up with their immaturity, so I challenged them to step up to manhood, step away from childishness, and walk into the responsibility of manhood. They needed to be reminded that growth is progressive and that they needed to move on to the next level.

The Scriptures make it clear. There cannot be maturity unless there is personal discipline.

Ephesians chapter 4, verses 14 through 16, underscore this perspective. Listen to these words; “As a result, we are no longer to be children tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every kind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness and deceitful scheming, but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of Himself in love.”

In other words, Paul says, “Time out here, let’s stop being tossed to and fro. Let’s stop being erratic, impulsive, spiritually immature people. We need to grow up.” We need to hold on to that which is stable.

Here’s what I want us to remember and do today. Let’s ask God to help us isolate areas of spiritual immaturity in our lives, and then help us to focus on those areas and to grow and move on to progress. It’s time for us to get up and get moving!