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SPIRITUAL ADULTING

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So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. Ephesians 4:14-16 NIV

My dear children, for who I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you. Galatians 4:19 NIV

#1: Your Spiritual _____ Is In Your Hands

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:14-15 NIV

#2: _____

[God] is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.... Ephesians 3:20 NIV

PRINCIPLES OF GENEROSITY:

Generosity Helps Others

Generosity Feels Good

Generosity Is God-Blessed

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33 NIV

#3: **You're A _____, Not A _____**

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23 NIV

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 NIV

#4: **Spiritual Growth Is A _____, Not An**

#5: **You Will _____**

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *Why do some people remain spiritual infants?*
- *Read Ephesians 4:14-16. How can we begin to spiritually mature?*
- *If you believe that God owns it all, what is really stopping you from being generous?*
- *If being a "Saint" means "to be set aside for a holy purpose"—What is your holy purpose?*
- *If God is more interested in our direction than our perfection, why are we so hard on ourselves and others?*
- *What can you do today to keep from ever saying, "If only I had known"?*