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MAINTAINING SPIRITUAL MATURITY

The importance of maintaining spiritual maturity until physical death is the utmost objective of the Christian life. Your daily positive attitude toward Bible doctrine and your continued advance are extremely important, not only to you but to everyone within your sphere. This concept also applies even to nations, because a maximum number of matured believers form the preservative of their national entity.

The top priority and objective of every believer must be to maintain his spiritual momentum by continued intake of Bible doctrine. Everything the Lord Jesus Christ did while on earth has meaning in both time and eternity.

Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:12-14).

Every human being will fail from time to time but it is very important that we get back on our spiritual feet and continue to advance toward the objective as quickly as possible. We must not become subjective about our personal sins and spiritual failures and lose the perspective of our ultimate divine purpose on earth. God has provided all the solutions we need, most especially the grace means of recovering from sins by rebound. You must learn to ignore the past failures and keep pressing. If you fail from time to time, rebound immediately. Keep advancing –move forward! You must make Bible doctrine your life in the sense of never losing your positive volition. Spiritual maturity is not the end but just the beginning of this spiritual advance.

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Each objective reached marks the beginning of the advance toward new objective. Negligence and passiveness is never welcomed in the spiritual life because positive attitude toward Bible doctrine every day of your life is your guarantee of a marvelous life, an even better death, and an abundance of blessings in eternity. "In order that in the ages (eternity) to come He (God) might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us (spiritually matured believers) in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:7)

The mature believer who has traveled the road to dying grace is confident that he will receive his surpassing grace blessing. While dying he can look expectantly toward blessings. He knows that he is leaving the best possible heritage to his children and loved ones: blessings by association. Even after his death his loved ones will have blessing and security

throughout their lifetimes because he adjusted to the justice of God. He has the assurance that the justice of God will provide for those he is leaving behind.

For those who are left behind, it is their knowledge of the justice of God that is the basis of their stability in the absence of their loved ones. God is the source of loved ones or friends and the justice of God have the prerogative to take them away from us (Job 1:21). You must go on living depending on God, using your precious time for spiritual advancement and growth. The death of regenerate loved ones is only temporal separation, sooner or later; we shall be united with them.