

Becoming A Mature Church
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Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. Colossians 1:28

Knowledge of God's Mystery

the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:26-27

that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, Colossians 2:2

The mystery is not that I have found the answer so follow me, but that I know Jesus - come, follow Him

Enjoy the Stewardship

*Now I **rejoice** in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the **stewardship from God that was given to me for you**, to make the word of God fully known, Colossians 1:24-25*

For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ. Colossians 2:5

Embrace the Struggle

*For this I toil, struggling with all **his energy that he powerfully works within me**. Colossians 1:29*

“Without struggle there is no progress.” Frederick Douglas

“Grace is opposed to earning, not effort.” Dallas Willard

*For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their **hearts may be encouraged**, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, Colossians 2:1-2*

Be Knit Together

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I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ. Colossians 2:4-5