

RISE AGAIN FAMILIES

Pt. 5 Don't Grown Old, Grow Up!

*"We shall all come together to that oneness in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God; we shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature."
--Ephesians 4:13-14 (Good News)*

1. Growing up _____

*"Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So, don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way."
--James 1:2-4 (Message)*

*"You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger,"
--James 1:19*

2. Growing up _____

*"My brothers and sisters, I know you've heard this before, but stop playing favorites! Do not try to blend the genuine faith of our glorious Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, with your silly pretentiousness."
--James 2:1 (Voice)*

3. Growing up _____

*"Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church."
--Ephesians 4:15 (Living Bible)*

*"Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you."
--Ephesians 4:29 (Good News)*

4. Growing up _____

*"Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."
--Romans 12:2 (Message)*