

The DNA of a Maturing Christian: Recognize Right from Wrong

Hebrews 5:14

But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

When we have someone's DNA it is obvious that we will take on many of the traits of that person. Parents almost immediately after the birth of a child are asked, "Who does the baby look like?" As a Christian, because of the new birth, we begin to look more and more like Jesus. One of the things people see in our lives that helps them recognize that there is a change is how we determine right from wrong.

As we grow in faith, our goal is to become mentally and morally mature. Our desire is to imitate the thinking and ways of Jesus.

In becoming more like Jesus in knowing right from wrong:

1. I desire to get to know the Father.
Deuteronomy 7:9, Matthew 22:16
2. I want to learn God's teaching on right and wrong.
Romans 12:2, Proverbs 6:16-19, Philippians 4:8-9
3. I understand why I cannot just follow my heart.
Mark 7:21-23, Jeremiah 17:9, James 1:15, Romans 7:19, 21, 24,
Hebrews 9:13-14, 10:22, 13:18, 1 Timothy 1:5, 4:2
4. I desire to act correctly on what is right and wrong.
1 Samuel 25:32-34, Leviticus 18:30, 20:8, Ezekiel 18:5-9, Philippians 4:9