

# **The DNA of a Maturing Christian: Exhibiting Godly Character**

Matthew 5:48 (NASB)

*Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

The world noticed when Jesus showed up. Some were amazed and excited while others were threatened and fearful. Everyone had an opinion. As the disciples followed Jesus they had the same type of reactions from the people. God wants us to grow in spiritual maturity to reflect the character of Jesus to a watching world. Each one of us has the opportunity to be a light for Jesus each day.

God does not “suggest” that our lives should fulfill His direction but He “commands” it. We can live this commandment out each day by exhibiting godly character.

1. I will exhibit purity.

1 John 3:3, 2 Timothy 2:21, James 4:8, Psalm 51:10, Hebrews 10:22

2. I will exhibit holiness.

John 10:30, 13:15, 17:21, Philippians 2:2, 5, Acts 1:14

3. I will exhibit maturity.

Ephesians 4:15, Hebrews 5:14, 6:1, 1 Corinthians 2:6

4. I will exhibit love.

2 Corinthians 5:14, Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 5:25, Mark 12:31, John 13:34-35