All In- Pathway to Victory Colossians 2:6-15

How do disciples grow into mature, influential, Christ-centered disciple-makers?

The pathway to victorious spiritual maturity is paved with everyday choices of Christ-centered, discerning, and maturing disciples.

- **I.** The process: the paradigm of Christ-centered discernment Colossians 2:6-7 (cf. 1 Thess. 5:20-21, Heb. 5:11-14).
 - a. First step: receive Christ Jesus the Lord (John. 1:11).
 - b. Then walk in him: having been rooted, built up, established, as taught with thanksgiving.
- II. The practice: Christ-centered discernment in action Colossians 2:8-15 (cf. John 1:14-17).
 - a. Before the pagans: what Christ gives us is better than what the philosophies, deceits, human traditions and superstitions of the world offer vs. 8-10- Christ fullness of truth.
 - b. Before the religious establishment: Christ is the fulfillment of everything the law promised and demanded vs. 11-15- Christ fullness of grace

Our growth into spiritual maturity is not based on what we can become for Christ, but on what Christ has become for us.

Christ + nothing = everything

Make Jesus the supreme and all sufficient desire of your heart!

Mature believers make decisions based on three essential principles: Through my actions: 1. How will God be glorified? 2. How will believers be edified? and 3. How will the world be reconciled? The answer to these three will make your faith practical in every area of your life.