



## **The Word and the Way**

Psalm 19, 119; James 2; 2 Tim. 3:16

### **About *#Adulting: Growing Up in God***

Do you ever get frustrated when the abundant life Jesus promised doesn't seem to be *your* reality? There's a direct link between obedience to God and joy in life. When you decide to give up your own will and live the way God designed you to live, there you will find true satisfaction. "In lofty theological terms, we call this *sanctification*," says Matt Horne, associate pastor, "but in real life, we just call it *growing up*."

### **Bottom Line**

*Mature Christ-followers must commit themselves to honoring God through examining His word and practicing His way.*

### **Introduction**

Spiritual maturity is to know and love Christ through trusting faith and obedient following.

Where do we go to understand what it means to honor God and follow Jesus?

We go to the word of God, His holy scripture, that we have found to be true and reliable.

### **Struggle**

The Bible has become very haunting for many who are outside of the church.

Many inside the church have elevated scripture to a level that it never should have been placed.

## Truth

The Bible is not there for you to worship the Bible; the Bible is there for you to worship God.

One of the primary purposes of scripture is to tell us of the character of God the Father, the love of Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the restoration of humanity.

In following the Holy Spirit and examining scripture, we find everything we need for life and godliness.

### **Psalm 19:7-11**

Many recognize the inspiration and infallibility of scripture but fail to confess its sufficiency and authority in their personal lives.

### **Psalm 119:1-16**

*The Word must always lead you to the Way.*

We cultivate love for the written word to find deeper love for the Living Word.

Scripture is of such great importance if we will ever be successful in our journey of following Jesus, collectively and individually.

## Conclusion

We are a church that believes in being biblically serious. We pray that you will make this a conviction of your own. Learn to love the written word and fall in love even more with our lord Jesus Christ.

## Next Steps

- Read through Psalm 119 twice this week.
- Choose a New Testament book to read through for the next 30 days.
- Meet with someone this week and ask what they have been learning in their personal scripture reading.