

Fully Devoted: A Life of a Mature Disciple

What Is a Mature Disciple?

At Prince Street Church, our mission is to **praise God, serve others, and cultivate disciples.**

A **mature disciple** here at Prince Street Church is someone who **praises God with their whole self, serves others by giving sacrificially of their time, talent, and treasure, and cultivates disciples by compassionately reaching others for Jesus.**

How to Use This Tool During This Series

Over the next six weeks, we invite you to use this guide as a **tool for reflection and intentional growth**, not as a checklist or a way to measure your spirituality against others.

This definition is organized around **three areas of discipleship**—praising God, serving others, and cultivating disciples. Under each of these areas are **spiritual marks** that describe what growth looks like in the life of a mature disciple.

For each spiritual mark, you'll find three things:

- a **definition**, meant to describe what this spiritual mark looks like in the life of a growing disciple
- a **guiding question**, meant to help you reflect honestly on where you are right now
- a **growth step**, meant to help you take a practical next step in that area

Here's how we encourage you to use this tool each week:

- Read through each definition of a mature disciple.
- Focus especially on the **spiritual marks** connected to that week's message.
- Use the **guiding question** to reflect on your current posture and practices.
- Then look at the **growth step** and prayerfully consider one small, faithful action God may be inviting you to take.
- Return to these same marks over the six weeks to notice how God is shaping you over time.

You don't need to work on everything at once. Growth is gradual, and God often focuses on one area at a time. Some marks may feel familiar, while others may stretch you—and that's part of the journey.

Our hope is that, as we walk through this series together, this tool will help you grow as someone who **praises God with your whole self, serves others by giving sacrificially of your time, talent, and treasure, and cultivates disciples by compassionately reaching others for Jesus.**

• A Mature Disciple Praises God

A mature disciple praises God by offering their whole self for God's glory in response to who He is and what He does.

Spiritual Marks of Praising God

1. **Devotion-** I prioritize my relationship with Jesus above all else.
Guiding Question: What do I value more than my relationship with Jesus?
Growth Step: I seek to increasingly find joy in my relationship with Jesus.
2. **Obedience-** I submit to the authority of Jesus Christ in all areas of my life.
Guiding Question: What areas of my life have I not submitted to Jesus?
Growth Step: When God or His Word points out an area of disobedience, I take steps to confess my sin and live differently.
3. **Thankfulness-** I foster a spirit of gratitude for God's character and works in all circumstances.
Guiding Question: In what areas of my life do I fail to give thanks to God?
Growth Step: I take time daily to gratefully reflect on who God is and what He has done.
4. **Humility-** I consistently remember my need for the continual work of God in my life.
Guiding Question: In what ways do I allow pride to interfere with my dependence upon God?
Growth Step: I recognize God's supremacy in my life weekly.
5. **Relationship-** I regularly connect with God through the Bible and prayer both individually and in community.
Guiding Question: In what ways do I make prayer and Scripture reading a priority in my life?
Growth Step: I engage daily in prayer and seeking God's Word to transform my life with Christ.

• A Mature Disciple Serves Others

A mature disciple serves others by following Jesus in loving people by giving sacrificially of your time, talent, and treasure.

Spiritual Marks of Serving Others

1. **Compassion-** I am led to help meet the needs of those around me when I become aware of them.
Guiding Question: Do I run toward or away from those in need around me?
Growth Step: I increasingly see the needs of those around me and am moved to help if possible.

Spiritual Marks of Serving Others (continued)

2. **Patience-** I continue to serve others even when it is difficult or challenging.
Guiding Question: Do I become discouraged or weary in caring for others?
Growth Step: I am growing in my willingness to persevere when serving others is difficult.

3. **Generosity-** I am increasingly kind and unselfish toward others with my time, talent, and treasure.
Guiding Question: Am I valuing the needs of others more than I value myself and my possessions.
Growth Step: I am learning to see what God has given to me less as my own and see them more as tools to bless others.

4. **Gifted-** I am serving alongside the PSC family while growing in my understanding of my spiritual gifts.
Guiding Question: Do I know my spiritual gifts and use them to their fullest potential to benefit others?
Growth Step: I am learning to rely on God as I use the spiritual gifts He has given me for the good of others.

5. **Friendship-** I seek to know others deeply, and I allow others to truly know me.
Guiding Question: Am I loving or accepting others as well as being honest and open in my relationships with them?
Growth Step: I am cultivating deep relationships with others.

• A Mature Disciple Cultivates Disciples

A mature disciple cultivates disciples by compassionately reaching others for Jesus and walking alongside them to help them become more like Him.

Spiritual Marks of Cultivating Disciples

1. **Missional-** I am looking for ways to impact where I work, live, and play as an ambassador for God's Kingdom.
Guiding Question: As an ambassador, am I mindful of how I am representing God when I am among others?
Growth Step: I am seeking opportunities to represent Jesus even in areas beyond my comfort zone.

2. **Transformational-** I am allowing the Spirit to develop me into the likeness of Jesus, and I am encouraging others as they do the same.
Guiding Question: Am I allowing the Spirit to work in my life to nurture me in becoming Christlike, and am I encouraging others in their own transformative walk with Him?
Growth Step: I am deliberately making space for the Holy Spirit to produce fruit in me that is evident to myself and others.

Spiritual Marks of Cultivating Disciples (continued)

3. **Relational-** I am intentionally fostering relationships with others, in which we encourage each other's growth in Christ.
Guiding Question: Do I have intentional relationships that build others up in their faith and that allow my own faith to be built up?
Growth Step: I am seeking to grow alongside others in our faith as we share our discoveries and learn from each other's experiences.

4. **Accountable-** I am allowing others in my life that help me see areas where I need to trust Jesus more.
Guiding Question: Am I listening to God's Word and trusted believers, allowing them to point out sin in my life and accepting their spiritual counsel?
Growth Step: I am increasingly open about my spiritual struggles and am willing to be guided by others.

5. **Love-** I am seeing others as being made in the image of God while desiring to see them transformed by Jesus.
Guiding Question: Do I love others enough to introduce them to Jesus and to walk with them as we grow in Him?
Growth Step: I am seeking to see God's image in others and share the truths of Jesus with them wherever they are spiritually as we grow in Christ.

Walking Through This Series Together

As we walk through this series, remember that **praising God, serving others, and cultivating disciples** are not separate parts of the Christian life—they are deeply connected. As God grows us in our love for Him, He forms us to love others more deeply. And as we love others, He invites us to help others take steps toward Jesus.

This guide is meant to walk with you throughout these weeks. Each Sunday, we encourage you to **focus especially on the spiritual marks that connect with that week's message**, using the guiding questions and growth steps to reflect and respond. You don't need to work on everything at once. Instead, allow God to highlight one or two areas where He is inviting you to grow.

Series Schedule

- **January 25** – *Fully Devoted in Praising God*
- **February 1** – *Fully Devoted in Serving Others*
- **February 8** – *Fully Devoted in Cultivating Disciples*
- **February 15** – *Fully Devoted to Transformation*
- **February 22** – *Fully Devoted Together*

Our prayer at Prince Street Church is that, through this series, every person would continue moving toward maturity—becoming someone who **praises God with their whole self, serves others by giving sacrificially of their time, talent, and treasure, and cultivates disciples by compassionately reaching others for Jesus**. May God use this series and this guide to grow us together as we follow Jesus side by side.