

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST, Part 1

He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. - Philippians 1:6

WkG + WdG + MC + PC + OB + T&T = Spiritual Maturity
formula by Max Anders

A. Work of God. John 6:38-65, pg. 983

Two major divisions: 1) that which man cannot do and 2) that which God will not do for man.

Spiritual growth always **begins** with God.

B. Human Counterfeits. Matt. 23:1-28, pg. 909 Accept no substitutes.

Some people pursue spiritual growth through a checklist of religious duties that are merely external.

Apart from the Work of God, these things make us legalistic and **off-putting** to others.

C. Yielding to God's Spirit. Phil. 2:12-16, pg. 1,081

We recognize that God wants to control us and we actively **surrender** our own agenda to follow His.
Ephesians 5:18

D. Patience Please. Romans 7:15-25, pg. 1,041

1. ...of **God**. God does not hurry in His development of our Christian life. He is working in view of eternity.

Even the Apostle Paul struggled.

No parent sees their toddler fall five times...

2. ...with **each other**. PBPGINFWMY
Romans 14:4