

# The Maturing of a Man

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## Matthew 25:31-40

### SUMMARY:

After our conversion to Christ, we begin to develop a love for God. If we will learn to “give ourselves away” in service to Him, we will experience the “peace that passes all understanding” and the “joy unspeakable and full of glory” that He promises.

### DISCUSSION POINTS:

**Introductory Question:** In our scripture selection, Jesus takes a scene from judgment day to make His point. Since we are not saved by works, how do these scriptures fit into judgment day?

Discussion: How do you respond to the following?

- We do not do good to be seen of men.
- Only God can judge the motives of the human heart.
- Many times, helping others does as much good for you as it does for them.

### APPLICATION:

Not everyone will be called to work in a Rescue Mission or other kind of ministry. However, if we are sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, there will be opportunities all around us each day to help others. Begin to pray for God’s guidance in this area; talk with other Christians about using your gifts in service in the community for Christ.

### NOTES:

### ON YOUR OWN...

Matthew 14:13-21

Mark 8:1-9

Mark 9:30-37

Luke 10:25-37

James 1:27

James 2:26