



Eagle Vision Partner Letter
Growing Up in Christ

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Dear Partner,

I pray this letter finds you walking in the blessing of the Lord Jesus Christ and walking in the fullness of your authority!

For the past several weeks God has placed it in my heart to teach people about the importance of maturing in Him and doing greater works! There is so much that God desires to do through His people, but we must be mature enough to handle it. There is a sense of urgency for us to get into position to where He desires for us to be. The only way for us to do all that He desires for us to do is for us to mature and grow-up spiritually. We can not change nations if we are not willing to change ourselves. It's time to "grow up" and do greater works! There are so many people who desire for God to use them to work miracles, to open blinded eyes, to heal the sick and to bring deliverance to people. We desire to "do great works", but until we commit to "mature" spiritually God will not be able to trust us with the "true riches" of His anointing. It's time! Time for what? Time to stop compromising with the world, to get over offense, to forgive and let the past go—forever. Most of the people that we are holding something against don't even know that they offended you. Why waste your time, energy & anointing on unforgiveness? It's time to be holy, time to stop thinking about ourselves only, because it's not about us. *It's about HIM!* God desires to use us, but know this, just because He desires to use us and just because we desire to be used does not mean it will happen. Look in the book of Mark chapter 6. Jesus saw the disciples "tolling", but just because they were having issues was not the reason he came to help them. He was going to "pass by them", but because they cried out, He went unto them. The reason they were "tolling" was because they harden their heart. When we don't change in an area that God has challenged us to change, we have made a choice "not to change". When we do this, we "harden our heart", which causes us to struggle and not make spiritual progress.

Ephesians 4:11-16 tells us our whole purpose for attending church. We attend church to "be perfected" so that we can do "the work of the ministry". That's why everyone should be hooked-up with a local church by being an 'active' member. Many people don't allow themselves to be perfected. This word perfected does not mean to be "flawless", it means to be matured & developed. Spiritually immature people cannot successfully do the work of the ministry. One way to determine if you are spiritually immature is to recognize certain characteristics in your life. Once you recognize those characteristics, make a decision to apply the Word in that area and change. Read the following list with an open mind because we all have areas that we can improve upon. Read the list and ask the Holy Spirit to show you yourself and to help you change. Below, is a list of a few signs that show immaturity in an area:

- ◆ Getting offended. Always thinking about how "you" are affected (Read Acts 24:16)
- ◆ Committing the same sin(s) that you did years ago
- ◆ The inability to be corrected without having a bad attitude
- ◆ Not using your words wisely or talking too much
- ◆ Complaining a lot
- ◆ Being unstable--in church, in dating, jobs, etc. Moving from job to job, church to church, etc. is not being stable.
- ◆ Not attending church regularly

- ◆ Allowing others to dictate your mood
- ◆ Always worried about what others think (Read John 12:42-43)
- ◆ Not praying, studying the Word
- ◆ Not praising or worshiping God
- ◆ Not tithing

It's not about how long we've been saved, how old we are nor is it about how many scriptures you can quote. It's also not about your title, be it a pastor, evangelist, doctor or lawyer. It's not about how well you pray or how many books or tapes you own or even listen to. It's not even about how many conventions & conferences we go to. It's all about "what we do". In slang terms "How ya' living?" Even when we attend conferences, we should not do it to escape problems, but we should attend to hear the Word so that we can know what areas to adjust in our lives that will cultivate in a stronger relationship with God. We must realize there are things within ourselves that need changing. We cannot escape what is within. It's not always "everyone else". There should not be any area of our lives that we are not willing to hear God's voice and change. When people say "that's just me, that's just how I am, I've always been this way"... that doesn't make it right. What we are saying when we say things like that is, "I am not willing to hear God speak to me in this area." It's going to take some effort and there will be times there will be growing pains, but trust me, when we mature and see those 'greater works' the growth will be more than worth it!

In **John 8:11** Jesus is talking to the woman that was caught in adultery and after he ignored the accusers and stooped down to write on the ground and after he heard the voice of His Father, He stood up and said "...Go and sin no more". In the Message translation it said "Go on your way. From now on, don't sin." Many times when we read this we think he said "Go and don't commit adultery anymore". He did not say that. He said "Go and sin no more" that meant to not commit ANY sin. Jesus says only what He hears His father says (**John 12:49**). This means, "we have the ability to NOT sin". I know that this can be hard to believe, but it is possible. Sometimes because we expect to sin, we do.

Let's use the rest of this year to focus on maturing & growing-up spiritually in all areas that the Holy Spirit reveals to us. We can do it! And when we do that is when we will see the "Greater Works"!

In His Righteousness,

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Ministry Update

Partners...Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support! We appreciate all that you do to help us fulfill the vision. If these letters are a blessing to you, pray about becoming sowing a seed or becoming a partner today. Continue to visit us at www.EaglesChristianCenter.org.

Join Pastor Deirdre & the Women Of Excellence as they have a day in the pottery studio downtown Raleigh at Market Place. Contact the church office for more details. Join Pastors Harold & Deirdre as they minister at Dimensions in Christ Fellowship Church in LaGrange, NC on Thursday evening at 7:00pm on June 21st.