

“So the child grew
and became strong in
spirit”

Luke 1:80

Signs of spiritual maturity

1. Valuing Unity

“And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?” (1 Cor 3:1-3)

2. Self-Discipline

“But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.” (1 Cor 9:27)

3. Denying Self and Despising Honor

“Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this?
Or why look so intently at us, as though by
our own power or godliness we had made
this man walk?” (Acts 3:12)

4. Receptive to Instruction, Open to Correction

“Search me, O God, and know my heart;...
And see if there is any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.”
(Psalm 139:23-24)

5. Understanding the Real Gain in Life

“Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.”
(Philippians 3:8)