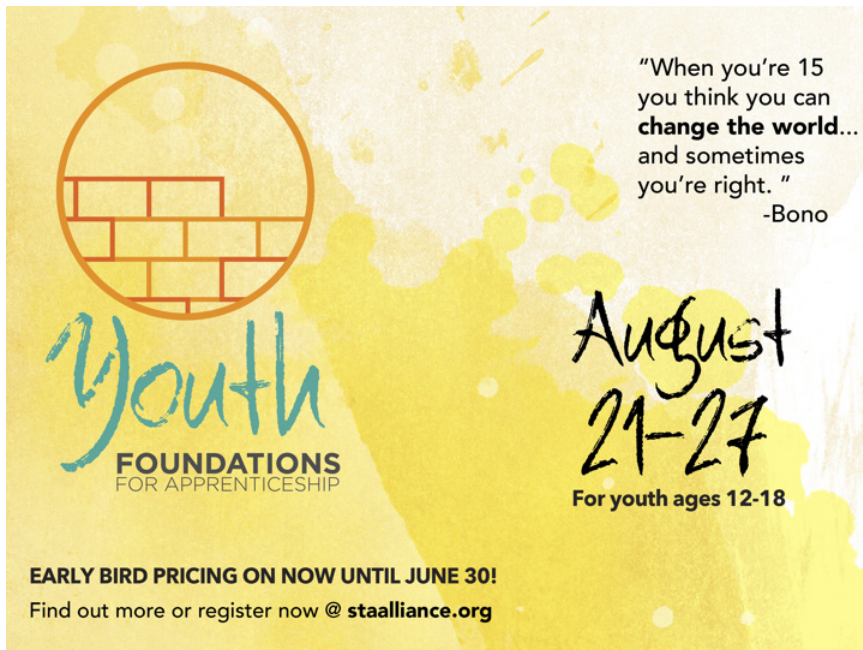




Radically Theoretically Different

Growing Radical

Matt Garvin ~ June 5, 2016

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

Ephesians 4:14 NIV

Maturity means becoming _____

In order to be able to make and keep commitments like this—commitments to enduring, intimate relationships—you need to be a certain kind of person. You need to be a powerful person. Powerful people take responsibility for their lives and choices. Powerful people choose who they want to be with, what they are going to pursue in life, and how they are going to go after it.

Danny Silk ~ Keep Your Love On

Powerless people often blame the messes they make on other people. The reason their life, marriage, child, finances, job, or whatever is the way it is has nothing to do with their choices. Someone else—their parents, their spouse, their teachers, society—created the life they're living. They don't have the power to create their own lives.

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Parents talk to your teens about what we learned today
– check out the MERGE page on the website @ staalliance.org for questions

**Maturity means
finding _____ in _____**

This is what the Lord says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord. That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

Jeremiah 17:5-8 NIV

**Maturity means
moving from _____ to _____**

The four stages of maturity

1. Dependence
2. Counter Dependence
3. Independence
4. Inter-Dependence

Three Characteristics of personal spiritual maturity:

1. Mature Christians don't defend themselves when found to be wrong
2. Mature Christians don't feel they are missing something by not sinning
3. Mature Christians find it easier and more natural to do God's will than not to do it

Bill Hull ~ Conversion and Discipleship

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

Ephesians 4:15 NIV

**Maturity requires
both _____ and _____**

Confrontation is about bringing something to the light. When I come to you, in a spirit of gentleness, I have come to turn the lights on for you to have an opportunity to see. Again, gentleness means that I do not need to control you. This confrontation is not an attempt to force your hand or make you do something. It is a loving effort to show you, face-to-face, what you might not see or know about what you are doing or how you are affecting the world around you. Gentleness is going to help the anxiety remain low and the love increase through the whole process.

Danny Silk ~ Culture of Honour

Maturity means

In order to repent from a life of powerlessness, you will need to identify the lies you believe and the influence those lies have in your life. Once you identify these lies, renounce them and break your agreement with them. Then ask the Holy Spirit to come and tell you the truth.

Danny Silk ~ Culture of Honour

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:16 NIV

The Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher are the supporting ligaments that connect us to the body of Christ and enable us to do the work that he has given us.