

Signs Of Real Life

1.The first signs of life: Humility

Ps. 25.9 (NIV)He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

1 Pet. 5.5-6 (NIV)All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

Pv. 22.4 (NIV)Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life.

2.Are you showing: Growth

1 Pet. 2.1-2 (GW) So get rid of every kind of evil, every kind of deception, hypocrisy, jealousy, and every kind of slander. Desire God's pure word as newborn babies desire milk. Then you will grow in your salvation.

1 Pet. 2.11-12 (GW) Dear friends, since you are foreigners and temporary residents {in the world}, I'm encouraging you to keep away from the desires of your corrupt nature. These desires constantly attack you. Live decent lives among unbelievers. Then, although they ridicule you as if you were doing wrong while they are watching you do good things, they will praise God on the day he comes to help you.

2 Pet. 3.18 (NIV)But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...

3.Are you coming full-term: Maturity

Jas. 1.2-6 (Msg) Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. **3** You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. **4** So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way. **5** If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You'll get his help, and won't be condescended to when you ask for it. **6** Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought.

Phil. 3.12-16 (MSG) I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. **13** Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. **14** I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back. **15** So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision—you'll see it yet! **16** Now that we're on the right track, let's stay on it.