

## ***Grow Up!***

Our world has many different ways to measure maturity. For some, it's being allowed to wear make-up at age 12 or getting your driver's license at 16. In the USA, you can vote and join the army at age 18, but you can't legally drink until you are 21. Some cultures have a special celebration like a Bar Mitzvah to mark crossing this milestone of maturity. Of course, just because you've "come of age" doesn't mean that you've genuinely matured. There are plenty of 30, 40 & even 60 year olds who still have a lot of growing up to do.

The same could be said of many Christians! Remember those marks your mom made on the wall as she measured you to see how much taller you had grown since the last time? Each mark measured growth. In the same way, God is constantly measuring the growth of our souls. He is looking for progress. To grasp what that ongoing growth looks like, we need only look at the opening verses of 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter, chapter 1.

### **“It's Time To Grow Up”**

**Text:** 2 Peter (overview) 1:3, 1:8-9; 3:14; 3:17-18

**Big Idea:** LIVE OUT GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE

(Sermon Notes)

Deep down inside, most parents have a dream of what their son or daughter could become. Parents tend to nudge & point their kids toward this future dream, in the hope that one day they will grow up & actually experience it. What could your life look like if you truly lived out the dream your heavenly Father has for you?

**(1) YOU LIFE WILL BE MARKED BY G \_\_\_\_\_**

**(2) YOUR LIFE WILL BE MARKED BY F \_\_\_\_\_**

**(3) YOUR LIFE WILL BE MARKED BY P \_\_\_\_\_**

**(4) YOUR LIFE WILL BE MARKED BY C \_\_\_\_\_**