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- Has embraced his or her role as a servant of God Most High.
- Displays faithful, loving obedience to God and a firm confidence in the long-term plan and purpose of God.
- Has a clear knowledge of Jesus Son of God and is no longer chasing meaning and significance through the ideas and schemes of people.
- Readily accepts equipping (teachable) that prepares him to serve (obedience) and once prepared is a builder in the kingdom of God (insightful).
- Serves in the local church fellowship with God's plan and purpose in mind.
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# Spiritual maturity from our text in Ephesians 4:11-16 ...

- I am teachable: I receive the equipping of the saints.
- I am purposeful: I understand my equipping is for ministry.
- I am a builder: I use what God has given to build up the body of Christ.
- I have come to a unity of the faith: I share a single-mindedness with fellow believers based on sound, biblical doctrine.
- I have come to a clear understanding of the Son of God: I now have a transforming vision of Jesus Son of God that strengthens and directs my life.
- I have come to maturity: I have come to a place spiritually and experientially where Christ is my living standard.
- I no longer am searching for life, meaning and significance as I have found all of this and more and now I grow and thrive as I am immersed in the truth of God and the love of God.
- I fill my part and do my share as directed by God's Holy Spirit.

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