

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, John 15.

Hebrews 6:1 "Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity. .  
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One of the things about being on the high seas is that the scenery doesn't change much. You still have miles and miles of just that, miles and miles of water. Other than an occasional ship or sealife, things are mostly the same. When traveling on land, many roads have mile markers, letting you know how far you have traveled from a certain point and even how far you might have to go.

I guess this is where a good GPS helps us know where we are and how much farther we have before reaching our first destination, Sitka, Alaska. On many cruise ships, there is a TV channel dedicated to letting the passengers know about where the ship is geographically located.

When traveling the open highways, we use the road signs to let us know the distance still needed before arriving, and the City Limit signs to let us know when we have arrived.

What about in our spiritual life. How do we know where we are in our relationship with God and how much more we need to change and grow. Spiritual maturity is not measured like the grading of a class paper or test scores. Another thing about spiritual maturity is that it is not always based on age, as some young people are more spiritually mature than some older folks.

Ways to help monitor spiritual growth might include asking oneself some important questions. Like, "How do I act under pressure?" Or, "How do I treat other people, and am I a patient person?" "Do my words edify or seek to destroy others?" "Am I a peacemaker or troublesome meddler?" "Do I trust in the Lord or rely mostly on self?" "Am I spending quality time with the Lord and others?"

Better yet, instead of asking yourself these questions, ask a trusted friend or friends to grade you, and see what others say and think about you.