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- How does maturity happen?
 - Knowledge is the key to maturity. **Eph. 4:11-13**
 - Maturity is not simply “knowing stuff.”
 - Knowledge of God should be transformative not just informative. **Eph.; Jas. 1:22**
 - Maturity is wisely and rightly handling God’s word. **2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 5:12-14**
 - Maturity comes through *application* of the word of God.

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- How We Apply the Word:
 - Application is the vital last step in Bible study.
 - Observation.
 - Interpretation.
 - Application.
 - Careful not to miss the point in application.
- What application is about. **Matt. 5:19-48**
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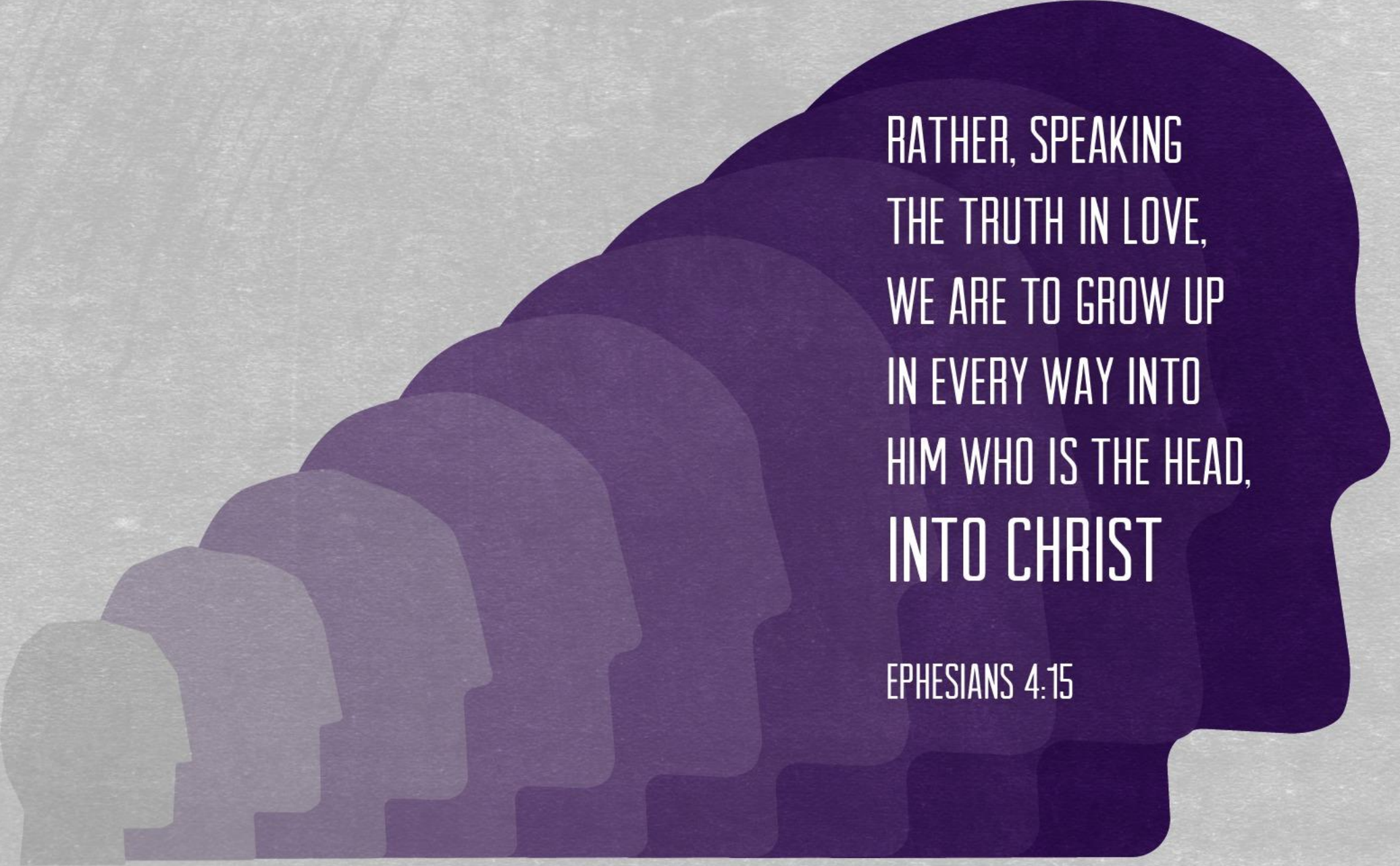
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- 10 Questions to Help Us Discern Our Level of Maturity:
 1. Are you thirstier for God than ever before? **Ps. 42:1**
 2. Are you more loving toward others? **Phil. 2:2-4**
 3. Are you more aware of God's purpose and presence in your life? **Ps. 139:7-10**
 4. Are you more and more governed by God's word? **2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 4:12**
 5. Are you more concerned about the spiritual needs of others? **Matt. 23:23**

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- 10 Questions to Help Us Discern Our Level of Maturity:
 6. Are you more and more concerned about the spiritual welfare of the local body of Christians? **Rom. 12:3-8**
 7. Are the tools God has given you important to you?
 8. Are you more aware of your sin? **1 Tim. 1:15**
 9. Are you more willing to forgive others? **Eph. 4:32**
 10. Are you thinking more of heaven and being with Jesus? **Phil. 1:23-24; 3:20-21**



RATHER, SPEAKING
THE TRUTH IN LOVE,
WE ARE TO GROW UP
IN EVERY WAY INTO
HIM WHO IS THE HEAD,
INTO CHRIST

EPHESIANS 4:15

