SHADOW SELF #3
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"For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. [16] Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me." ***Romans 7:15-19 ESV***

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." ***Galatians 2:20 ESV***

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SHADOW SELF CHALLENGE: INNER MAN VS INNER BOY

MATURITY IN GOD'S LOVE _____.

"When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me." ***1 Cor. 13:11 NIV***

MATURITY IN GOD'S LOVE _____.

"Having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory. What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?" ***Romans 8:30-31 NLT***

MATURITY IN GOD'S LOVE _____.

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command." ***John 15:13 NIV***

"In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. [11] Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers." ***Hebrews 2:10-11 NIV***

MATURITY IN GOD'S LOVE _____.

"He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, <u>fully developed within and without</u>, fully alive like Christ. No prolonged infancies among us, please. We'll not tolerate babes in the woods, small children who are an easy mark for impostors.

God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything." ***Ephesians 4:11-15 MSG***

MATURITY IN GOD'S LOVE _____

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." ***Romans 8:28 NLT***

"No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded." ***John 10:18 NLT***

MATURITY IN GOD'S LOVE _____.

"The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another." ***Galatians 5:22-26 NLT***

Gone is shame
Gone is anxiety over my worth
Gone is bitterness over my losses
Gone is despair over things I can't control
Gone is impulse and lack of self-control
Gone is impatience/irritation that frustrates
Gone is selfishness and indifference
Gone is harshness/hardness
Gone is unfaithfulness/untrustworthiness

WHERE ARE YOU ON GOD'S MATURITY SCALE?

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"Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle." ***Romans 12:9-10 MSG***

"Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. All that you do must be done in love." ***1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NASB***

FOR DISCUSSION:

WHEN SOMEONE SACRIFICES FOR YOU HOW DOES IT AFFECT YOU INSIDE? WHAT DOES IT COMMUNICATE?

WHAT "WAYS" NEED TO CHANGE THAT WOULD REFLECT MATURITY IN GOD'S LOVE?

WHAT ASPECT OF MATURITY RESONATED WITH YOU PERSONALLY AND WHY?

WHAT IS ONE DEEP WORK IN YOU THAT GOD'S LOVE CAN GROW YOU OUT OF?