# DOESN'T BEING A CHRISTIAN SOUND BORING TO UNBELIEVERS?

| The Choices of Maturity   |             |   |
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| One way to evaluate spiritual maturity is by looking at the choices we make. The writer of Hebrews notes many of the way those choices change with personal growth. |             |   |
| Mature Choices  | Versus      | Immature Choices                            |
| Teaching others   | rather than | just being taught                           |
| Developing depth of understanding   | rather than | struggling with the basics                  |
| Self-evaluation   | rather than | self-criticism                              |
| Seeking unity   | rather than | promoting disunity                          |
| Desiring spiritual challenges   | rather than | desiring entertainment                      |
| Careful study and observation   | rather than | opinions and halfhearted efforts            |
| Active faith  | rather than | cautious apathy and doubt                   |
| Confidence  | rather than | fear  |
| Feelings and experiences<br>evaluated in the light of God's<br>Word   | rather than | experiences evaluated according to feelings |

# HEBREWS 6:12

Focusing on the eternal rewards God promises to believers should make life continually exciting. If we become bored in our Christian life it is because we are not walking with God and experiencing the daily blessings he is ready to give us.

<sup>12</sup>Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and patience.

#### HOW DO I KEEP FAITHFULNESS IN MARRIAGE FROM BEING BORING?

#### PROVERBS 5:18-19

God does not intend faithfulness in marriage to be boring. Real happiness comes when we commit ourselves to finding pleasure in the relationship God has given us.

<sup>18</sup>Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth. <sup>19</sup>She is a loving doe, a graceful deer. Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be captivated by her love. <sup>20</sup>Why be captivated, my son, with an immoral woman, or embrace the breasts of an adulterous woman?

<sup>21</sup>For the LORD sees clearly what a man does, examining every path he takes. <sup>22</sup>An evil man is held captive by his own sins; they are ropes that catch and hold him. <sup>23</sup>He will die for lack of self-control; he will be lost because of his incredible folly.

# ISN'T A SINFUL WAY OF LIFE MORE EXCITING?

### PROVERBS 14:14

With God it is hard to get bored, for his reach is as broad as the universe and as far as eternity.

<sup>14</sup>Backsliders get what they deserve; good people receive their reward.

#### JEREMIAH 2:2

Chasing other gods is a tiring business, one pursuit after another ends with disappointment and dissatisfaction. Sin has a debilitating sameness at its core. It is only the clothing that changes. God alone truly satisfies.

<sup>2</sup>"Go and shout in Jerusalem's streets: 'this is what the LORD says: I remember how eager you were to please me as a young bride long ago, how you loved me and followed me even through the barren wilderness.

#### Promise from God: Galatians 6:9

<sup>9</sup>So don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time. <sup>10</sup>Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone, especially to our Christian brothers and sisters.