

## COMPASS BEARINGS A Maturing Life

*by Gary Walter, p. 18*

### **The five influential voices that move us forward according to the Apostle Paul**

1. The first influence that Gary Walter mentions is that of the apostle. What voice in your life consistently challenges you to think beyond your own life and congregation to other places and populations where God is at work?
2. Walter also mentions the role of the prophet. Do you have voices in your life that help you confront hard or uncomfortable things that you would rather not face or even acknowledge?
3. In speaking about evangelism, Walter said, “At times we act as if it was ‘the nicety of the new birth’—nice, but not decisively important.” What do you think he meant?
4. Often friends play the role of pastor in our lives. What layperson in your life fills the shepherd role of guiding, protecting, and caring?
5. Where do you go for biblical learning?