

Let's Grow Up!

Working Wisdom (#2 of #10)

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Let's grow up, if God is willing.

Hebrews 6:3 (CEV)

Facts about Maturity

- Maturity is God's desire for my life.

*But you must learn to endure everything, so that you will be completely **mature** and not lacking in anything.*

James 1:4 (CEV)

*We announce the message about Christ, and we use all our wisdom to warn and teach everyone, so that all of Christ's followers will grow and become **mature**.*

Colossians 1:28 (CEV)

- Maturity does NOT automatically happen.

You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food.

Hebrews 5:12 (NLT)

- Maturity is about my direction not my perfection.

I have not yet reached my goal, and I am not perfect. But Christ has taken hold of me. So I keep on running and struggling to take hold of the prize. My friends, I don't feel that I have already arrived. But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead. I run toward the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize that God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done. All of us who are mature should think in this same way. And if any of you think differently, God will make it clear to you.

Phillipians 3:12-15 (CEV)

We must try to become mature...

Hebrews 6:1 (CEV)

- Maturity benefits my life.

How Do I Mature?

1. I make maturity my goal.

*My friends, stop thinking like children. Think like **mature** people and be as innocent as tiny babies.*

1 Corinthians 14:20 (CEV)

We must try to become mature and start thinking about more than just the basic things we were taught about Christ.

Hebrews 6:1 (CEV)

2. I find out what God says and I do it!

Obey God's message! Don't fool yourselves by just listening to it. If you hear the message and don't obey it, you are like people who stare at themselves in a mirror and forget what they look like as soon as they leave. But you must never stop looking at the perfect law that sets you free. God will bless you in everything you do, if you listen and obey, and don't just hear and forget.

James 1:22-25 (CEV)

3. Repeat!

But you must never stop looking at the perfect law that sets you free.

James 1:25 (CEV)

But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 5:14 (NIV)