

CHAPEL NOTES

WALKING IN MATURITY

1 Tim 3:8, 10

Church helpers must also have a good character and be sincere; they must not drink too much wine or be greedy for money...

10 They should be tested first, and then, if they pass the test, they are to serve. GNT

WHAT MATURITY ISN'T:

- It's not **AGE**
- It's not **APPEARANCE**
- It's not **ACHIEVEMENT**
- It's not **ACADEMICS**

God says maturity is determined by **ATTITUDE.**

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5 MARKS OF MATURITY

1. A MATURE PERSON IS POSITIVE UNDER PRESSURE.

James 1:2-4

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, **3** because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. **4** Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:12

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

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2. A MATURE PERSON IS SENSITIVE TO OTHER PEOPLE.

James 2:8

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. **(see 2:1-6, 14-16)**

3. A MATURE PERSON HAS MASTERED HIS MOUTH.

James 3:2

We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. **(see vs. 3-11)**

Ephesians 4:29

Do not let any negative talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs...

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James 1:26-27

If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

4. A MATURE PERSON IS A PEACEMAKER, NOT A TROUBLEMAKER.

James 4:1-2

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?

2 Sources of Conflict:

(vs. 2-3) SELFISHNESS

(vs. 1-12) JUDGING OTHERS

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5. A MATURE PERSON IS PATIENT AND PRAYERFUL.

James 5:7, 11

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming...**11** As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

James 5:16

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

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