

Is Your Faith Working?

A Study of James

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"How To Measure Your Maturity"

"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed - not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence - continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose." (Philippians 2:12-13)

"Let us ... go on to maturity." (Hebrews 6:1)

Maturity is not _____.

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Maturity has to do with _____.

#1. A mature person is _____.

James 1:2-4, 12

#2. A mature person is _____.

James 2:8; 2:1-6, 14-16

"I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me in, I needed clothes and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you visited Me ... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me." (Matthew 25:34-40)

#3. A mature person has learned to _____.

"All of us do many wrong things. But if you can control your tongue, you are mature and able to control your whole body." (James 3:2 CEV)

"Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you." (Ephesians 4:29 TEV)

James 1:26

#4. A mature person is a _____, not a _____.

James 4:1-2

Two Sources of Conflict:

(1) _____

"When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your own pleasures." (James 4:3)

(2) _____

"My friends, don't say cruel things about others! If you do, or if you condemn others, you are condemning God's Law. And if you condemn the Law, you put yourself above the Law and refuse to obey either it or the God who gave it. God is our judge, and He can save or destroy us. What right do you have to condemn anyone?" (4:11-12 CEV)

#5. A mature person is _____ and _____.

James 5:7, 11, 16

James 5:17-18

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture references are taken from
The New International version of the Bible.