

"Lord, Pour Me Some Tea"

[MATURITY]

1 Corinthians 13:11 (KJV)

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"When I was an infant at my mother's breast, I gurgled and cooed like any infant. When I grew up, I left those infant ways for good."

WHAT DOES MATURITY MEAN?

- MATURITY is best defined as being fully developed and/or fully conditioned physically, emotionally, and spiritually to grow.

Quotes on Maturity

Joshua Loth Liebman ... *"Maturity is achieved when a person postpones immediate pleasures for long-term values."*

Unknown Author ... *"Maturity is that time when the mirrors in our mind turn into windows and instead of seeing self, we see others."*

Sydney J. Harris ... *"Maturity begins when we're content to feel we're right about something, without feeling the necessity to prove someone else wrong."*

Dr. Dick Werthimer ... *"There is no point in being grown, if you still plan to act childish."*

Winston Churchill ... *"Mountaintops inspire leaders, but valleys mature them."*

Real MATURITY is not about getting OLDER, but it is about getting WISER ... **1 Corinthians 14:20 (NIV) / James 1:8**

"When I was a child [nepios = simple minded; immature], I spake [laleo = verbaige] as a child, I understood [phroneo = exercise the mind; mindset] as a child, I thought [logizomai = to take inventory; vision] as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

It's one thing to MATURE physically (*milk *helps* = satisfy*), but it is a different thing to MATURE spiritually (*meat *holds* = sustain*) ... **Hebrews 5:12-14 (ESV) / Hebrews 6:1 (NIV)**

MATURITY is the baby of HUMILITY and CLARITY. [*]
Have you ever gotten into an argument with someone about something that you felt like you were right about and they felt like they were right about, that really never got resolved? ... MATURITY is when you don't have to prove a point but being humbled enough to let the point prove itself ... **Philippians 3:12:14**

Immaturity will cause you to miss the truth and end up hurt in the process ... **Mark 4:6, 8 [11, 12], 16, 17, 20**

So how will I know that I have MATURED?

(1) MATURITY ACTIVATES A MOVE

James 1:22-25 (ESV)

(2) MATURITY REJOICES IN REPROACH

Luke 6:22, 23

(3) MATURITY DISCERNS DECEPTION

Ephesians 4:14, 15 (Into Him)