

THE MARKS OF A MATURE PERSON – AN OVERVIEW OF JAMES
BUILDING A FAITH THAT WORKS - PART 1

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WHAT MATURITY IS NOT:

1. Maturity is not: A _____
2. Maturity is not: A _____
3. Maturity is not: A _____
4. Maturity is not: A _____

God says maturity is determined by A _____

"Character is what you are in the dark." [D. L. Moody]

Recognition is what people say about you,
character is what God says about you.

"MATURE" in Greek is **"TELEAOS"** -- it's translated complete and perfect.

5 MARKS OF MATURITY

I. A MATURE PERSON IS P _____ UNDER P _____

"Consider it pure joy, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance and perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete not lacking anything." James 1:2-4

"Blessed is the person who perseveres under trial, because when s/he has stood the test, s/he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love God." James 1:12

II. A MATURE PERSON IS S _____ UNDER P _____

"If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbor as yourself' you are doing right." James 2:8

See 2:1-6

III. A MATURE PERSON HAS M _____ HIS OR HER M _____

"We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what s/he says, s/he is a perfect person, able to keep her/his whole body in check." James 3:2

See vs. 3-11

"Do not let any negative talk come out of your mouth but only what is helpful for building up others according to their needs ..." Eph. 4:29

"If anyone considers her/himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on her/his tongue, s/he deceives her/himself and her/his religion is worthless." James 1:26

IV. A MATURE PERSON IS A P _____ NOT A T _____

"What causes fight and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?" James 4:1

2 SOURCES OF CONFLICT:

* (vs. 2-3) **1. S _____**

* (vs. 11-12) **2. J _____**

WHY SHOULD I NOT JUDGE?

a. I'm not G _____

b. Only God has all the F _____

c. I don't know their M _____

V. A MATURE PERSON IS P _____ AND P _____

"Be patient then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming ... As you know, we consider blessed those who persevere." James 5:7, 11

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16b