

Grow Up!

I. Introduction

A. Hebrews 6:1a (NLT)

II. What Maturity Is Not

A. Maturity is not just _____.

B. Maturity has nothing to do with _____.

C. Maturity has nothing to do with _____.

III. What Makes a Mature Person?

A. A mature person is _____ under pressure.

1. James 1:2-4 (NAS)
2. John 10:10 (NAS)
3. James 1:12 (NAS)

B. A mature person is _____ toward others.

1. James 2:8 (NAS)
2. I John 3:18 (NAS)
3. James 2:1-4 (NAS)
4. I Corinthians 13:1-3 (NAS)

C. A mature person tames his _____.

1. James 3:2 (NAS)
2. "Hearing something you _____ about somebody you _____, and then repeating it to others." (Gossip)
3. Ephesians 4:29 (NAS)
4. James 1:26 (NAS)

D. A mature person is a _____, not a troublemaker.

1. James 4:1 (NAS)
2. Romans 12:18 (NAS)
3. Reasons for conflict:

- a. _____
 - i. James 4:3 (NAS)
- b. _____
- c. _____ and selfish ambition
 - i. James 3:16 (NAS)
- d. _____
 - i. James 4:11-12 (NAS)

4. Why not judge?

- a. Because I'm not _____.
- b. Because only God has all the _____!
 - i. Proverbs 18:17 (NAS)
- c. Because we don't know people's _____.

E. A mature person is patient, _____, and prayerful.

1. James 5:7 (NAS)
2. James 5:11 (NAS)
3. James 5:16 (NAS)
4. "It's a strange thing that in our prayers we seldom ask for a change in _____ -- but we almost always ask for a change in _____."
5. Personal Evaluation:
 - a. How do you handle trials, problems?
 - b. Do you act loving toward other people?
 - c. Are you able to tame your tongue?
 - d. Are you a peacemaker or a troublemaker?
 - e. Are you patient, persevering, and prayerful?

IV. Conclusion