

# Seeing the Value of Maturity

God wants us to be mature spiritually. This is seen in passages such as:

- 1 Cor 16:13 \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_
- Eph 4:14 We are no longer to be \_\_\_\_\_, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine
- 1 Cor 13:11 When I became a man, I did away with \_\_\_\_\_ things
- 1 Cor 14:20 Do not be children in your \_\_\_\_\_...in your thinking be \_\_\_\_\_



## Understanding Maturity

Maturity is not based upon age, size or number of years of doing something.

- ☐ Our English word 'mature' comes from a Latin expression which means to '\_\_\_\_\_.'
- ☐ To be mature is to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ "ripe"

A. Looking at the opposite often helps us to understand the concepts that define maturity

### The Characteristics of Immaturity

- Lack of \_\_\_\_\_ control
- I \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Name calling/bullying/gossiping
- Demanding \_\_\_\_\_
- L \_\_\_\_\_
- B \_\_\_\_\_ others
- Not taking r \_\_\_\_\_ for actions
- Driven by \_\_\_\_\_ rather than thoughts
- I \_\_\_\_\_ and easily s \_\_\_\_\_
- Hurtful \_\_\_\_\_ towards others
- Looking at the short term and easy way of doing things
- J \_\_\_\_\_ and practices f \_\_\_\_\_
- Threatens to \_\_\_\_\_ if things are unpleasant
- Pouting, throwing fits, pressuring to get what one wants



Adam & Eve: Gen 3:12-13

Naaman: 2 Kings 5:10-11

King Jehoiakim: Jer 36:21-22

Stephen's audience: Acts 7:54, 57

Immaturity is often illustrated the loudest when one is upset, mad, or things do not go one's way

- Biblical words for immaturity: f \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 3:3); c \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 3:1 -KJV); walking like \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 3:3); Children (1 Cor 14:20); \_\_\_\_\_ man (1 Cor 2:14); \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (1 Cor 3:1)

It is possible for a congregation to be immature.

- What does that look like?

Eleanor Roosevelt: "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people."

How does immaturity hurt a family?

How does immaturity hurt a church?

Why are some mature and others who are the same age not mature?

Is it possible for the immature to become mature? How?

How does God want you to respond when a sermon steps on your toes?

