

MATURITY

Eph. 4:11-16

1. GOD'S WILL IS MATURITY.
 1. How is the church doing?
 2. Perfecting of the saints.
 3. Measure of stature of fulness of Christ.
 4. Grow up into Him in all things.

2. FIRST THE SEED; THEN THE BLADE, THE EAR, AND THE FULL CORN IN THE EAR.

3. WHAT ARE THE FRUITS OF MATURITY?
 1. Teach instead of being taught (Heb. 5:12-14).
 1. Feed instead of being fed.
 2. Came to minister, not to be ministered to.
 3. How can I be a blessing?
 4. Giver, not receiver.
 2. Meat of word, not just milk.
 1. Milk user unskilled in word of righteousness.
 2. Is. 28:9 - *"Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.*
 3. Disciplined.
 1. Under tutors and governors; under authority.
 2. Self-control or temperance.
 3. Teachable spirit.
 4. Stable; not easily moved.
 1. Not persuaded by fad doctrines.

2. Not easily shaken or surprised by anything.
3. Able to handle adversity in proper manner.
5. Not easily offended.
 1. Ps. 119:165 - *"Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them."*
 2. James 3:2 - *"For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body."*
 3. Able to speak the truth in love.
6. Ability to reproduce.
 1. Be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth.
 2. Producing the life of Jesus.
 3. Reproducing ourselves in others.
7. Not given to sectarianism (Some of Paul, some of Apollos)