

# The Marks of a Mature Father

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*God's Will for every person is that they Grow  
Up - Hebrews 6:1 "let us go on to maturity"*

## WHAT MATURITY IS NOT...

01: Maturity is not \_\_\_\_\_.

02: Maturity is not \_\_\_\_\_.

03: Maturity is not \_\_\_\_\_.

04: Maturity is not \_\_\_\_\_.

*Maturity is Attitude - D.L. Moody "Character is what  
you are in the dark" (When no one is looking)*

## MARKS OF MATURITY

01: Positive under \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ James 1:2-4 ((The Message))

02: Sensitive to \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ James 2:8 ((The Message))

03: Masters his \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ James 3:2 ((Amplified Bible))

## SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE MEANS...

(01) The Right \_\_\_\_\_.

(02) The Right \_\_\_\_\_.

(03) The Right \_\_\_\_\_.

(04) The Right \_\_\_\_\_.

04: Peacemaker not a \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ James 4:1 ((The Message))

## JAMES 1:2-4 ((THE MESSAGE))

2-4 Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

## JAMES 2:8 ((THE MESSAGE))

8 You do well when you complete the Royal Rule of the Scriptures: "Love others as you love yourself."

## JAMES 3:2 ((AMPLIFIED BIBLE))

2 For we all often stumble and fall and offend in many things. And if anyone does not offend in speech [never says the wrong things], he is a fully developed character and a perfect man, able to control his whole body and to curb his entire nature.

## JAMES 4:1 ((THE MESSAGE))

### Get Serious

1 Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves.

((extra notes))

JAMES GIVES 2 REASONS FOR CONFLICT

➤ James 4:3 ((The Message))

(01) \_\_\_\_\_

(02) \_\_\_\_\_

05: Patient and \_\_\_\_\_.

➤ James 5:7, 11 ((Contemporary English Version))

WHEN YOU PRAY...

(01) \_\_\_\_\_ patiently.

(02) \_\_\_\_\_ patiently.

(03) \_\_\_\_\_ patiently.

(04) \_\_\_\_\_ patiently.

(05) \_\_\_\_\_ patiently.

➤ James 5:16-18 ((Amplified Bible))

((extra notes))

JAMES 4:3 ((THE MESSAGE))

Get Serious

3 Because you know you'd be asking for what you have no right to. You're spoiled children, each wanting your own way.

JAMES 5:7, 11 ((CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION))

Be Patient and Kind

7 My friends, be patient until the Lord returns. Think of farmers who wait patiently for the spring and summer rains to make their valuable crops grow. 11 In fact, we praise the ones who endured the most. You remember how patient Job was and how the Lord finally helped him. The Lord did this because he is so merciful and kind.

JAMES 5:16-18 ((AMPLIFIED BIBLE))

16 Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]. 17 Elijah was a human being with a nature such as we have [with feelings, affections, and a constitution like ours]; and he prayed earnestly for it not to rain, and no rain fell on the earth for three years and six months. [I Kings 17:1.] 18 And [then] he prayed again and the heavens supplied rain and the land produced its crops [as usual]. [I Kings 18:42-45.]

((extra notes))

9 God, who created everything, wanted me to help everyone understand the mysterious plan that had always been hidden in His mind (*revealing God's purpose for the church*).

10 In order that God would use the church to show the powers (*God's supernatural strength, abilities*) and authorities over the spiritual world (*God's supernatural jurisdiction over spirit world — authority over devil, demons*) that they would learn of His wisdom (*eternal purposes accomplish through Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ*) in all its different forms. 11 This was God's plan for all of history which He carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 Christ now gives us bold confidence (*bluntness, opportunity, courage — with trust*), so that we can come to God by faith (*total reliance, assurance, with conviction God can solve our challenges*). 13 That's why you should not be discouraged when I suffered for you (*do not live troubled, burdened*).

In fact, my troubles bring you glory (**honor**). 14 For this reason (*on account of troubles*), I kneel in prayer to the Father (*Almighty God*). 15 From whom all the family in Heaven (*eternity*) and on earth (*country you live in*) receives its name. 16 I asked God from the wealth (*abundance*) of His glory to give you power (*increased strength, anointing*) through His Spirit (*Holy Spirit, Ghost*) to be strong followers of Christ, 17 and that Christ will live in your hearts (**thoughts, emotions, attitudes**) because of your faith (*constant reliance upon Christ for all of your needs to be met*). Stand firm (*be rooted like a huge tree*) in God's love (*have a love feast*).

18 I pray that you and all of God's people (*saints*) will understand (*eagerly seize, comprehend*) just how wide, long, high, and deep is God's love. 19 I want you to know (*be aware*) all about Christ's love, which is far beyond your ability to understand (*grasp hold of*). Then your lives (*ability to influence others*) will be filled with all that God is (*you will live out the nature of God in touching others for Christ*). 20, 21 I pray that Christ Jesus and the church will forever bring praise to God. His power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine. Amen.