

# **“Spiritual Maturity”**

## **2 Tim. 3:16-17**

### Introduction

- I. God expects the Christian to grow spiritually (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:18; cf. 2 Pet. 1:5-7).
- II. What are some indicators that a Christian has matured?

### Discussion

- I. Mature Christians can tell the difference between good and evil (Heb. 5:11-6:1).
- II. Mature Christians seek the Lord's will and not their own (James 4:14-17; 2 Tim. 2:4; Gal. 1:10; cf. John 8:29).
- III. Mature Christians are not deceived by false doctrines (Eph. 4:11-15; cf. Psm. 119:104; Rom. 12:9).
- IV. Mature Christians stay faithful, even during hardships (James 1:4-5; 1 Pet. 1:6-7; 4:12-13; cf. Acts 14:22; Rev. 2:10).
- V. Mature Christians endeavor to “perfect holiness” (2 Cor. 7:1).
- VI. Mature Christians love and seek unity (1 Cor. 1:10; Phil. 2:1-4).
- VII. Mature Christians work on controlling the tongue (James 3:2; 1:26; cf. Eccl. 7:21-22).
- VIII. Mature Christians practice and encourage love (1 John 2:5; 4:12, 18; Rom. 12:9-10).

### Conclusion

- I. Age, physically or spiritually, does not necessarily indicate maturity.
- II. Let us make sure that we all mature as God would have us.