



## *Maturity Checklist*

### **I. Being responsible for actions, attitudes and responsibilities'**

- A. Knowing and doing our personal responsibilities
  - Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. For we are each responsible for our own conduct Gal 6:4-5
  - 1. Doing our work
  - 2. Being responsible for controlling our actions, words and attitudes
  - 3. Controlling our spending and our time
- B. Working without supervision
  - Obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord. Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Col 3:22-24
- C. Not blame shifting, denying our faults
  - If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth 1 Jn 1:8
- D. Accepting correction from the authorities over us
  - A single rebuke does more for a person of understanding than a hundred lashes on the back of a fool. Prov 17:10
- E. Learning from our mistakes
  - As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his foolishness Prov 26:11

### **II. Knowing that we will reap what we sow**

- A. Making and following plans for the future
- B. Investing our time, money and energy for optimum results
  - Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant Gal 6:7
  - Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty. Prov 21:5
- C. Recognizing danger and avoiding it
  - A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences. Prov 22:3

### **III. Understand what our role in life is**

- A. Family roles
  - 1. Role of parents
    - Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. Prov 22:6
  - 2. Role of children – First time obedience to authority
    - Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth. Eph 6:1-3
    - Only a fool despises a parent's discipline; whoever learns from correction is wise. Prov 15:5



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B. Roles in society

1. As workers

- Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: “Those unwilling to work will not get to eat. [II Thes 3:10](#)

2. As citizens

- Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished. [Rom 13:1-2](#)

C. Roles in the church

- Guard yourselves and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as elders. [Acts 20:28](#)
- Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. [Heb 13:17](#)
- As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. [Eph 4:16](#)

**IV. Having emotional maturity**

- A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls. [Prov 25:28](#)

A. Have self-control over our emotions, attitudes and sexual drives

- Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. [Phil 2:3-5](#)
- “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own. [Lk 12:14](#)
- The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. [Gal 5:22-23](#)

B. Have control over our anger, fears, and stress levels

- Don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil. [Eph 4:26-27](#)

**V. Having relational maturity**

A. Being able to forgive others and to seek forgiveness

- Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. [Eph 4:32](#)

B. Being able to communicate clearly with love

- Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. [Eph 4:29](#)

C. Being able to work through conflict with others

- Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. [Rom 12:17-18](#)

D. Being able to resist unhealthy peer pressure and to select healthy relationships

- Don’t team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? [II Cor 6:14](#)



E. Having good social manners and civility

## **VI. Having spiritual maturity**

- If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? Mat 16:25-26
- A. Have a biblical relationship with God
  - Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself. Mk 12:29-31
  - If you love me, obey my commandments. Jn 14:15
  - If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. 1 Jn 2:4
- B. Being able to give an account for our faith
  - You must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. 1 Pet 3:15-16
- C. Knowing our spiritual gifts and using them to serve others
  - God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 1 Pet 4:10
- D. Have the attitude of a learner
  1. Daily prayer and study time with God
  2. Growing in biblical knowledge
  3. Attending church to learn about God and His ways
- E. Having a moral character
  - Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Phil 2:15