

Mature Me

Ephesians 4:11-16

11And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Morality:

I don't steal
I don't commit adultery
I don't retaliate
I don't gossip
I attend church

Maturity:

I've become generous
I've become faithful
I bless my enemies
I use my words to build
I am a disciple building his church

Morality asks can I do it

Maturity asks am I becoming the right person

Maturity grows in the messy

Ephesians 4:1-6

1I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

You can bear with others until you become bearable

Or you will become an unbearable person

Avoidance isn't maturity, it is appearance.

Every time I avoid instead of accommodate, I atrophy.

If I am going to attain what I am called to attain, then I must actively resist avoiding where God has called me to activate.

Maturity is proven when no one is watching

Ephesians 4:9-10

9(Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

Maturity is when what's in you moves rooms not when what's in rooms moves you

Maturity is shaped by God's gifts

Ephesians 4:11-13

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If you trust God's plan, He will work out your plan

Maturity is a shared story

Ephesians 4:14-16

14that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Immaturity says what has my attention becomes my assignment

Maturity says my assignment determines what can have my attention

Ephesians 4:1-2

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I will never fulfill the plan on my life without growing God's plan with my life