

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE @ FBC

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JAMES – PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN LIVING - PART 1

“The Marks of a Mature Christian”

God’s will for every Christian is spiritual growth and maturity. The book of James defines what spiritual maturity means!

WHAT SPIRITUAL MATURITY ISN’T:

- It’s not A_____.
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God says spiritual maturity is determined by _____!

5 MARKS OF A MATURE CHRISTIAN:

1. They’re _____.

James 1:2-4 *“Consider it pure joy, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance and perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete not lacking anything.”*

James 1:12 *“Blessed is the man who perseveres under trials, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.”*

2. They’re _____.

James 2:8 *“If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’, you are doing right.”*

Matthew 25:31-40 *“At the judgment they will stand before the Lord and He’ll say, ‘I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick and in prison and you visited me.’ Then they’ll say, ‘When Lord, did we do that? When were you sick and we visited you? When were you thirsty and we gave you drink?’ Jesus said, ‘In as much as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto Me.’”*

3. They’ve _____.

James 3:2 *“We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.”*

Ephesians 4:29 *“Do not let any negative talk come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building up others according to their needs...”*

James 1:26 *“If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.”*

4. They’re a _____, not a _____.

James 4:1 *“What causes fight and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you?”*

2 SOURCES OF CONFLICT:

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James 4:3 *“When you ask you do not receive. Because you ask with the wrong motives that you may spend what you get on your own pleasures.”*

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James 4:11-12 *“Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it... There is only one lawgiver and judge, one who is able to save and destroy. But you, who are you to judge*

5. They’re _____ and _____

James 5:7,11 *“Be patient then, brothers, until the Lord’s coming... as you know, we consider blessed those who persevere.”*

James 5:16 *“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”*