

## Members Notes #10

### Hebrews 6:1-2 Pressing on to Maturity

Over the next couple of weeks of our discussions, we will be preparing for the River of Life Bible School's series "Laying The Foundations" which will run for 4 consecutive Tuesdays starting May 10<sup>th</sup>. We're indeed excited to offer this opportunity for the congregation to explore this very important subject.

**TONIGHT'S PURPOSE:** Prepare ACF for the upcoming River Of Life Bible School's series by understanding the primary concept of what the passage means when it says, "Going on to Maturity".

**Please read Hebrews 5:12 - 6:9.**

### QUESTIONS

#### What is maturity?

- 1 The word "mature" or "maturity" can be used in many contexts. Good cheese needs to mature; term deposits have maturity dates; fruit, veggies and grains come to maturity. We frequently use the term for people either categorizing them as mature or immature. What does the word mean in these contexts?

#### "Maturity" defined:

##### Definition of "MATURE"

- 1 based on slow, careful consideration <a *mature* judgment>
- 2 **a** (1) having completed natural growth and development - RIPE (2) having undergone maturation  
**b** having attained a final or desired state <*mature* wine>  
**c** having achieved a low but stable growth rate <paper is a *mature* industry>  
**d** of, relating to, or being an older adult - ELDERLY <airline discounts for *mature* travellers>
- 3 **a** of or relating to a condition of full development  
**b** characteristic of or suitable to a mature individual <*mature* outlook> <a show with *mature* content>
- 4 due for payment <a *mature* loan>

##### Examples of "MATURE"

1. She's very *mature* for her age.
2. He has a *mature* outlook on life.
3. His parents didn't think he was *mature* enough to live on his own.
4. Their bodies were *mature*, but they still behaved like children.
5. After *mature* reflection, he concluded that he had been mistaken.

##### Origin of MATURE

Middle English, from Latin *maturus* ripe; akin to Latin *manein* the morning, *manus* good

First Known Use: 15th century

##### Related to MATURE

**Synonyms:** adult, full-blown, full-fledged, matured, ripe, ripened.

**Antonyms:** adolescent, green, immature, juvenile, unripe, unripened, young, youngish, youthful.

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### 2. What happens in these differing contexts?

- a. When you relate, socialize or work with intellectually, socially or emotionally immature people?
- b. When you eat produce that is harvested prematurely?
- c. When you withdraw your term deposit before its maturity date?

### 3. No one would dare argue that Christians should be continually growing in moral maturity (growing in Godly character). However, that is not what this particular passage is asking for. This passage is asking for something more fundamental; it is asking us to grow in our understanding of biblical truth.

**Why is growing in biblical understanding (biblical maturity), in some ways, a prerequisite to moral maturity?**

## WORKS TIME

As usual pray for *oilkos* and ask for testimonies about acts of kindness and witnessing.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please:

- Sign up at the **Welcome Desk** for the River of Life Bible School's series "Laying The Foundations", which will run for 4 consecutive Tuesdays starting 10 May.
- Pick up your copy of *What's Cooking? Devotional* @ \$5.00 each from the **Welcome Desk**.