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## Maturity

What are the differences between being a mature Christian and an older Christian?

What are some of the things you would expect to see in a more mature Christian?

Read Gal 5 v 22-26

Why are the fruits of the Spirit in someone's life often seen as a sign of maturity or growth?

Which in particular do you feel is really lacking in your own life?

How can we see these things increase in our lives?  
(see Gal 5 v 16, 24 especially)

2 Pet 1 v 5-8

Here is a similar list of qualities v8 in the NASB reads "For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." How do these qualities help us to get to know Jesus better?

Why do you think it is important to become mature in your faith? (or what happens when we stay immature?) also look at Heb 5 v 12- 14 and 1 Cor 3 v 1-3

Read Hebrews 12 v 1-11

What are the main things the writer is saying about becoming more mature/ continuing?

When you are tempted to give up and to stop remember

2 Tim 4 v 7-8 "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. For the rest, the crown of righteousness is laid up for me, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me in that Day, and not only to me, but also to all the ones loving His appearance."

Know that for those who endure and mature this is what awaits.