

A Mature Mindset Part 1

- **A mature mindset accepts Christ's authority.**

Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and **all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority.**

1 Peter 3:22 (NLT)

The **revelation of God** is whole and pulls our lives together. The **signposts of God** are clear and point out the right road. The **life-maps of God** are right, showing the way to joy. The **directions of God** are plain and easy on the eyes.

Psalms 19:7-8 (MSG)

- **A mature mindset actively disengages from sin.**

So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, **you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too.** For if you have suffered physically for Christ, you have finished with sin. **You won't spend the rest of your lives chasing your own desires, but you will be anxious to do the will of God.**

1 Peter 4:1-2 (NLT)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, **let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up.** And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)

Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. **Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins.**

Hebrews 12:1 (MSG)

Those who belong to Christ Jesus **have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.**

Galatians 5:24 (NLT)

So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming.

Colossians 3:5-6 (NLT)

Do you see what we've got? An unshakable kingdom! **And do you see how thankful we must be? Not only thankful, but brimming with worship, deeply reverent before God.** For God is not an indifferent bystander. He's actively

cleaning house, torching all that needs to burn, and he won't quit until it's all cleansed. God himself is Fire!

Hebrews 12:28-29 (MSG)

We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up. After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin.

Hebrews 12:2-4 (NLT)

- **A mature mindset is not based on feelings.**

So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees. Mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who are weak and lame will not fall but become strong.

Hebrews 12:12-13 (NLT)

Let my words and my thoughts be pleasing to you, LORD, because you are my mighty rock and my protector.

Psalms 19:14 (CEV)

Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.

Ecclesiastes 5:2 (NIV)

I said, "I will guard my ways, that I may not sin with my tongue; I will guard my mouth with a muzzle, so long as the wicked are in my presence."

Psalms 39:1 (ESV)

Wise words bring approval, but fools are destroyed by their own words. Fools base their thoughts on foolish assumptions, so their conclusions will be wicked madness;

Ecclesiastes 10:12-13 (NLT)

Even fools are thought wise when they keep silent; with their mouths shut, they seem intelligent.

Proverbs 17:28 (NLT)