

## A Mature Mindset – Part 15

### Silence Is Golden – Part 1

*Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words: Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.* 2 Corinthians 13:11 (NLT)

#### Maturity Is Not:

- A place we arrive at.
- A position we hold.
- An emotion we experience.

#### Maturity Is:

- A process of change.
- A person I follow and emulate. Because maturity makes me more like Christ.
- Accepting my responsibility and relying on God's sovereign grace.

*Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.* Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

*“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve.”* Jeremiah 17:9-10 (NLT)

*Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.* Matthew 6:21 (NLT)

*By now you should be teachers. Instead, you still need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word. You need milk, not solid food. All those who live on milk lack the experience to talk about what is right. They are still babies. However, solid food is for mature people, whose minds are trained by practice to know the difference between good and evil.* Hebrews 5:12-14 (GW)

*Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-two years. His mother was Jecoliah from Jerusalem. He did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight, just as his father, Amaziah, had done. **Uzziah sought God during the days of Zechariah, who taught him to fear God. And as long as the king sought guidance from the Lord, God gave him success.***

2 Chronicles 26:3-5 (NLT)

*But when he had become powerful, he also became proud, which led to his downfall. He sinned against the Lord his God by entering the sanctuary of the Lord's Temple and personally burning incense on the incense altar. Azariah the high priest went in after him with eighty other priests of the Lord, all brave men. They confronted King Uzziah and said, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord. That is the work of the priests alone, the descendants of Aaron who are set apart for this work. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have sinned. The Lord God will not honor you for this!" Uzziah, who was holding an incense burner, became furious. But as he was standing there raging at the priests before the incense altar in the Lord's Temple, leprosy suddenly broke out on his forehead. When Azariah the high priest and all the other priests saw the leprosy, they rushed him out. And the king himself was eager to get out because the Lord had struck him.* 2 Chronicles 26:16-20 (NLT)

#### God's voice – learn.

*He was a loyal seeker of God. He was well trained by his pastor and teacher Zechariah to live in reverent obedience before God,* 2 Chronicles 26:5a (MSG)

#### Peoples voice – earn.

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#### Your voice – discern.

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**The Devil's voice - burn.**

*So King Uzziah had leprosy until the day he died. He lived in isolation in a separate house, for he was excluded from the Temple of the Lord. His son Jotham was put in charge of the royal palace, and he governed the people of the land.*  
*2 Chronicles 26:21 (NLT)*

*I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob. I will put my trust in him.*  
*Isaiah 8:17 (NIV)*

*"Be still and know that I am God!"*  
*Psalm 46:10a (NLT)*