



Mature Christians

Control their tongue

James 3:2

For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a **perfect** (mature) man, able also to bridle the whole body.



Mature Christians

Have Knowledge & Understanding

Eph. 4:13

till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

1 Cor. 14:20

Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature.

Think of Blessings

- Can't be lead astray (Eph. 4:11-14)
- Can be spoken to in wisdom (1 Cor. 2:6)
- Able to discern (Heb. 5:14)
- Develop a personal faith (Gal. 2:20)
- Perfect in love (Matt. 5:48; 1 Jno. 4:18)

Have The Mind of Paul

- Didn't hold to the past
 - Didn't trust in the flesh (3:3-6)
 - Gave up all for Christ (3:7-11)
 - Pressing on for the goal (3:12-15)
- Blessing: Weight of past doesn't drag us down



Mature Christians

**Turn trials and tribulations into
opportunities for growth**

James 1:2-4

**My brethren, count it all joy when you
fall into various trials, [3] knowing that
the testing of your faith produces
patience. [4] But let patience have its
perfect work, that you may be perfect and
complete, lacking nothing.**

Trials into Growth

- **Not all take trials that way (Heb. 12:1-24)**
 - **Forgotten the exhortation (v. 5)**
 - **Discouraged (v. 12)**
 - **Bitter (v. 15)**