



SPIRITUAL MATURITY AND AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-4:1

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I thank my God in all my remembrance of you...because of your partnership in the gospel
- Philippians 1:3, 5

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. - Philippians 2:3

Let those of us who are mature think this way - Philippians 3:15

Spiritual maturity grows out of authentic community.

A Shared Journey

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Jesus Christ has made me his own. - Philippians 3:12

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, - Philippians 3:13

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- Philippians 3:14

Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. - Philippians 3:15

Only let us hold true to what we have attained. - Philippians 3:16

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. - 2 Timothy 4:7

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. - 1 Corinthians 9:24

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...that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death - Philippians 3:10



A personal knowledge
A realistic appraisal
A short memory
A passionate pursuit

Religious maturity makes good church members but spiritual maturity makes saints and martyrs.

A Shared Threat

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. - Philippians 3:17

For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. - Philippians 3:18

Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. - Philippians 3:19

And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. - Philippians 1:14

It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. - Philippians 1:20-21

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. - Philippians 3:7-8

A Shared Destination

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. - Philippians 3:20-21

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. - Philippians 4:1

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, - 1 Corinthians 15:50-51

in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. - 1 Corinthians 15:52

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