



## THOUGHTS ON MATURITY (author unknown)

### THIS IS MATURITY..

1. If you can see a work that you have begun taken from you and given to another without feeling bitter.
2. If you can listen to someone criticize you - even unkindly - and receive instruction without hard feelings.
3. If you can see others chosen for a job which you yourself are better qualified to do without feeling hurt.
4. If you can see a person do an act which is against Christian standards and feel no self-righteousness.
5. If you can hear a man argue a point-of-view which is contrary to yours and accept his right to his own opinion without a feeling of hostility.
6. If you can have an inward peace from God in an age of frustration.
7. If you can see someone you know deliberately snub you and still make allowances for his actions.
8. If you can crawl out of bed at an early hour to pray when you would rather sleep because you realize that here lies power with God.

### MATURITY IS..

Maturity is the ability to control anger and settle differences without violence or destruction.

Maturity is the patience, the willingness to pass up immediate pleasure in favor of the long-term gain.

Maturity is unselfishness - responding to the needs of others, often at the expense of one's own desires or wishes.

Maturity is the capacity to fare unpleasantness and frustration, discomfort and defeat, without complaint and collapse.

Maturity is humility. It is being big enough to say, "I was wrong," and when right, the mature person need not say, "I told you so."

Maturity is the ability to make a decision and stand by it. The immature spend their lives exploring endless possibilities then do nothing.

Maturity means dependability, keeping one's word, coming through in a crisis.

Maturity is the art of living in peace with that which we cannot change.