

“The Christian life is a struggle.”

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“God develops maturity out of the adversity of my life.”

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<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own.

<sup>13</sup>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,

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<sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. <sup>16</sup>Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

—Philippians 3:12-16 ESV

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Maturity is Ever a Process,  
Never a Possession

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“Self-dissatisfaction lies at the root of our noblest achievements.”  
—F.B. Meyer

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“It may be true that wise young believers are very rare. But is no less true that zealous old believers are very rare also.”

—Bishop J.C. Ryle

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Maturity is Not Determined by My Past;  
It is Developed Through Daily Focus  
on Spiritual Purpose

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—Philippians 3:13-14 <sup>ESV</sup>

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Maturity is the Outcome of a  
Primary Focus on the Person of Christ,  
Not Religious Performance

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I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

—Philippians 3:14 <sup>ESV</sup>

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But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. —Matthew 6:33 <sup>ESV</sup>

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<sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

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<sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

—I Corinthians 9:24-27 ESV

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Maturity Does Not Happen Apart  
From Community

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“We must all hang together or  
we will all hang separately.”  
—Benjamin Franklin

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