

*Attaining
Christian Maturity*

Ephesians 4:1-16

Grow up!

- Consider what you have been given (Eph 4:1)
- Wise up (and stop fighting) (Eph 4:2-6)

Mature Christian

- Humility
- Gentleness
- Longsuffering

Maturity and Anger

- **Proverbs 15:18** A wrathful man stirs up strife,
But *he who is slow to anger* allays contention.
- **Proverbs 16:32** *He who is slow to anger is* better
than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than
he who takes a city.
- **Proverbs 19:11** The discretion of a man makes
him *slow to anger*, And his glory is to overlook a
transgression.

Proverbs 103:8-10

- The LORD *is* merciful (raham) and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy (hesed). He will not always strive *with us*, Nor will He keep *His anger* forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities.

Matthew 11:28-29

- "Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am **gentle** and **lowly** in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Paternity of God

- **John 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave **the right to become children of God**, to those who believe in His name:
- **Galatians 3:26** For **you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.**

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Greek Syntax of Eph. 4:11

- on the one hand (Gr. men) apostles,
- on the other hand (Gr. de) prophets,
- on the other hand (Gr. de) evangelists,
- and on the other hand (Gr. de) pastors and (kai) teachers

Purpose of Christ's gifts

- Equip saints for the work of the ministry
- Building up of the body of Christ
- Unity
 - Of faith
 - Of knowledge of Christ

Mature Christian

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Someone who has
Christ's Measurements

Christ = Perfect Man

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