

WHAT SPIRITUAL MATURITY LOOKS LIKE Philippians 3:12-21

(v.12)

Paul is talking about spiritual _____ not _____

Perfect: teleioo - to carry through completely; finish, to complete (Thayer's)

Spiritually Mature People:

Recognize what God has _____ (v.12)

...but I press (dioko) on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own - Philippians 3:12 (ESV)

...as to zeal, a persecutor (dioko) of the church; - Philippians 3:6

Recognize that we were called for a _____ (v.12)

...but I strive to lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus also laid hold of me. - Philippians 3:12 (NET)

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward (epekteinomai) to what lies ahead, I press (dioko) on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- Philippians 3:13-14*

Do not _____ on past spiritual achievements but realize that _____ doesn't end till we go to _____ (v.13)

Are willing to leave the _____ for growth (v.13)

Epekteinomai: to stretch (oneself) forward upon (Strong's)
Dioko: pursue, follow, persecute (Strong's))

Understand that the prize is that _____ (v.14)

*I pursue for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
- Philippians 3:14 (YLT)*

*Let those of us who are mature be thus minded;
- Philippians 3:15 (RSV)*

All Will Walk (live out their faith)

Walk: peripatoo - Hebraistically, to live (Thayer's)

Spiritually mature walk as _____ for others (v.17)

_____ walk as _____ refusing to grow (v.18)

Paul is _____ Klaioo: mourn, weep, lament (Thayer's)

Many: polus - mostly, largely (Strong's)

Enemies: echthros - a hater, hostile, hating and opposing another (Thayer's)

The Lives of Those Who are Warnings Reveal:

That their god is their _____

Their own emotions are their god, - Philippians 3:19 (GWT)

They take _____ in the things they should be _____

...and they take pride in the shameful things they do.

- Philippians 3:19 (GWT)

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans: A man has his father's wife. And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have been filled with grief and have put out of your fellowship the man who did this? - 1 Corinthians 5:1-3 (NIV)

They live for _____ only

Set their minds on earthly things (v.19)

*Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness; and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.
- 2 Peter 1:5-9*