

## **Can I Reach Mature Faith**

1) Does mature faith seem unreachable because you are relying on your own strength instead of God's?

a) Gideon is introduced in Judges 6:11-12. Hiding in his winepress

b) The Amalekites were with the midianites.  
Judges 7:12.

c) The victory would not come from their own strength, Judges 7:1-7.

“ I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

- John 15:5

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2) If mature faith is impossible to reach, God is awfully Cruel to expect it from us.

- Matthew 17:14-20

“ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”

- James 1:4

“ ...always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.”

- Colossians 4:12

a) The Hebrew writer was disappointed when the Christians were not becoming mature, Hebrews 5:11-14.

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3) Do you believe having mature faith means you have reached Sinless protection?

- We know we will never be completely without sin, and we think that is what mature faith is, but it is not.

“ Therefore you are to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

- Matthew 5:48

Jesus said unto him, “if thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor.”

- Matthew 19:21

“ And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

- Romans 12:2

“ Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:”

- 1 Corinthians 2:6

“ But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away:”

- 1 Corinthians 13:10

“ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of fulness of Christ:”

- Ephesians 4:13

“ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

- James 1:17

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4) Maybe you struggle with how to become mature without becoming Prideful.

“....Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”

- Matthew 18:3