

What Maturity Looks Like (It Looks Filled), Part Two

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Acts 2:4 (NIV): 4 All of them were **filled** with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:17 (NIV): 17^{•••} In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on **all** people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

I. How Some People View Being Filled and Mature

- A. Some think it is just developing the gift of speaking in tongues
- B. Some think it is developing miraculous super-human powers
- C. Some think it is developing stronger religious habits (church attendance, etc.)

II. Let me Illustrate What It Means to Be Filled and Mature

- 1. My illustration of being filled and mature: (<u>https://youtu.be/-ivS0IayJAk</u>)
- 2. The Apostle Paul's illustration of being filled and mature (1 Corinthians 3:1-4)

Note: Paul's Description of the Immature:

- 1. They cannot be honestly spoken to (What can God not say or send someone to say to you?)
 - Brothers and sisters, **I could not address you** as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still **worldly**—mere **infants** in Christ.
- 2. They are unprepared for mature conversation (What are you not prepared to hear?)
 - 2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were **not yet ready** for it. Indeed, you are still not ready.

3. They are filled with jealousy and quarreling (Are you jealous and quarreling?)

• 3 You are still worldly. For since there is **jealousy** and **quarreling** among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?

4. They are overly influenced by personalities (What side are you on?)

• 4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere human beings?

Next Time: What Maturity Demands (Faith) Read Ahead: Acts 3:1–7

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