



What Maturity Demands (Isolation)

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Review: 2021 Theme: How To Live In a New World

1. You must **train** (You need good home training)
2. You must manage your **resources** (You need to save money, rest, learn etc.)
3. You must manage your **expectations** (You need to be careful of what you allow to become your dream)
4. You must tell the **truth** (John 8:32; Ephesians 4:15) (You need to know the truth)
5. You must **invest** (You need to make good investments)
6. You need **good theology** (You need to understand the God you love)
7. You need to **mature** (What maturity demands)
8. You need to be **confident** without naive optimism (Hope deferred Proverbs 13:12)

Big Question: Are you a mature person?

Side Question: Are you naively optimistic?

I. What Maturity Demands

Chap 1: Maturity Demanded **Isolation** (Acts 1)

- In the isolation stage, the disciple's true **convictions** were exposed
- In the isolation stage, there is nobody to **stop** you from doing what you want to do
- In the isolation stage, your life **doctrine** is exposed

Acts 1:7-9 (NIV): 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 After he said this, **he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.**

Three Important Questions:

1. What do you really want to do? (Look at what you are doing)
2. What are you doing now that you did not do when supervised?
3. What are your true convictions? (Listen to what you are saying)

II. What Covid Taught Us About Our Maturity

- A. It taught us that some of us place greater **value** on buildings and gatherings
- B. It taught us that some of us are willing to take greater **risk** despite the danger to others
- C. It taught us that some of us are convinced that God belongs to our **political party**
- D. It taught us that we are convinced that we are **superior** to those who do not worship like us
- E. It taught us that secular people could easily drive us to **division and strife**

Next Time: What Maturity Looks Like