



What Maturity Demands (Faith), Part Three

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Big Question: Are you using what you have been giving?

Imagine the blind man being someone who is stuck in a dead in career. He courageously reaches up and takes a chance to begin a new life. It is amazing that he had a family or support team that helped him all of his life.

1. Maturity demanded this lame man use the tools he had (What do you have?)

- Acts 3:1–7 (NIV): One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. 2 **Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg** from those going into the temple courts.

2. Maturity demanded this lame man ask (“He asked them for money”)

- 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, **he asked them for money**. 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

3. Maturity demanded peter be honest about his limits (The man wanted money)

- 6 Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”

4. Maturity demanded they help him up (Who are you helping to get up?)

- 7 Taking him by the right hand, **he helped him up**, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong.

5. Maturity Demanded The Man Get UP (Are you trying to get up?)

- Acts 3:8 (NIV): He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

- **He had to participate in the healing process**

Closing: Four Important Lessons From This Story

1. **Use** what you have (You don’t have what you don’t have)
2. **Ask** for something (Be honest, say what you really need)
3. **Help somebody** get up
4. **Participate** and do not let people who are trying to help you do all the work

Staff Question: Does this story teach that everyone who wants to get up will get up?

Answer: No, this story is about a man taking advantage of a unique getup opportunity

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