Some Ways to Measure Spiritual Maturity
Phil. 3:13-15

Introduction:
A. Maturity is possibly the greatest need among Christians today.
B. Maturity is high on God’s priorities for Christians.
   1. Gave workers in church to that end. (Eph 4:11-13)
   2. Expects each to work to that end. (2 Pet. 3:18).
C. Maturity can be measured in any number of ways:

Discussion:

I. By How Stable One Is in Doctrine (Eph. 4:11-16).
   A. Children tossed to and fro by every wind.
   B. Mature united by truth spoken in love.

II. By How Consistent One Is in His Thinking (Matt. 11:16-19).
   A. Jews as immature as children in their criticism.
   B. Christians often inconsistent in word and deed.

III. By the Kind of Preaching and Teaching one Favors . (1 Cor. 2:6).
   A. Mature appreciate the power of the gospel (1:18).
      1. Its sufficiency (2:2).
   B. Immature impressed by other things.
      1. Excellence of speech and human reasoning (2:1-5).

IV. By How One Views Faithful Gospel Preachers and Teachers (1 Cor. 3:1-5)
   A. Immature of treat them as competitors. (3:3-8)
   B. Mature honors and appreciates all without being of any. (3:5-10).

V. By How Well One Handles Solid Spiritual Food (Heb. 5:12-14).
   A. Immature appreciates only the most elementary teaching.
      1. Does not like to have to think or discern.
      2. Prefers all teaching be overly simplified.
   B. Mature appreciates having his thinking challenged to improve his skills.

VI. By How Determined One Is to Reach Heaven (Phil. 3:12-15).
   A. Never finding a place to stop, ever pressing on (v. 12).

Conclusion:
A. How mature are you? More than a year ago?
B. What are you doing to develop maturity?