

Bible Characters and Their Message

Paul's Maturity

Philippians 4:10-19

INTRODUCTION

Four Characteristics of Maturity in Paul's Life:

1. He is _____ . (verse 10)

"I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it."

2. He is _____ . (verse 11)

"I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances."

3. He is _____ . (verse 12)

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want."

4. He is _____ . (verse 13)

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Paul's Friends Also Demonstrated Maturity:

1. _____ (verses 14-15)

"Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.

Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only;"

2. _____ (verses 16-17)

"for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account."

3. _____ (verse 18)

"I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God."

CONCLUSION

**Paul's Maturity of Living Above the Norm
was Demonstrated in Those Around Him**

MY _____ YOUR _____ HIS _____!