THE DANGER OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY

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Maturity is something that is looked upon as being a good thing. And it is! There are certainly some benefits that come with growing older. Those who have lived a while have learned some things that younger people haven't lived long enough to learn for themselves. Concerning spiritual matters, older saints have a maturity of judgment, of life and of the Word of God. The younger can learn many truths and avoid many mistakes by listening to the voices of those who have been traveling along the road of life for many years.

But while age and experience have great advantages, there is also some great danger.

One danger is that as we grow older, we become tired and then a spirit of laziness can come upon us. I have witnessed a lot of older Christians who have stopped growing and have come to a spiritual standstill.

We must fight back against spiritual apathy. We must not allow ourselves to become cold and indifferent toward the things of God. We must continue to pray and study God's word and continually be renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

There is another danger of believing that just because one has biblical knowledge that it also means that they have spiritual maturity.

I've known a lot of older immature Christians. People who have been going to church for many years, but who were far from being spiritually mature.

One can read the Bible and memorize Scripture and still not be a mature Christian.

Knowing something and being something are two different things.

Learning something from the Bible and putting what we have learned into practice, are two different things.

The Bible tells us not to just be hearers of the Word but to be doers also!

I'm afraid the most Christians are educated beyond their level of obedience.

May God help us all to be spiritually mature in the truest sense of the word!