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Sunday, May 27, 2012

**“MNASON: A MATURE DISCIPLE”**

( Acts 21:15-16)

Today we return to a series of messages from the book of Acts. Over the last two summers we have made our way chapter by chapter through this historic record of the early church. It is the story of God at work in His world to accomplish His purposes. We find that God does that work through people. One of those people was a mature disciple named Mnason.

**1. A mature disciple has the opportunity of \_\_\_\_\_  
the Lord and \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. A mature disciple has the opportunity of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the school of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**3. A mature disciple is uniquely qualified to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.**

**4. A mature disciple is \_\_\_\_\_ than the  
young disciple.**

*“Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you” (Isaiah 46:4, NIV).*

*“Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed” (Romans 13:11, NLT).*

*“Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master” (Matthew 25:21, NASB).*

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*“Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself” (Acts 2:37-39, NASB).*

*“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it” (Hebrews 13:2, NASB).*

**1. A mature disciple has the opportunity of getting to know the Lord and grow in grace.**

*“Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (John 14:9, NASB).*

*“He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action” (Daniel 11:32, ESV).*

**2. A mature disciple has the opportunity of proving the Lord in the school of experience.**

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God” (2 Corinthians 1:3-4, NIV).*

*“Once I was young, and now I am old. Yet I have never seen the godly abandoned or their children begging for bread” (Psalm 37:25, NLT).*

**3. A mature disciple is uniquely qualified to help and encourage others.**

**4. A mature disciple is nearer to eternity than the young disciple.**

*“Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you” (Isaiah 46:4, NIV).*

*“Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed” (Romans 13:11, NLT).*

*“I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it” 1 Corinthians 9:22-23, NASB).*

*“Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master” (Matthew 25:21, NASB).*