MATURING

Maturing is many things. First; it is the ability to base a judgment on the Big Picture, The Long Haul.

It means being able to pass up fun-for-the-minute and select the course of action which will pay off later. One of the characteristics of immaturity is the “I want it now” approach. Maturing people can wait.

Maturing is the ability to stick with a project or a situation until it has completed. The person who is constantly changing courses, jobs, and friends is immature. He/she cannot stick it out because he/she has not grown up. Everything seems to turn sour (or uninteresting) after awhile.

Maturing is the capacity to face unpleasantness, frustrations, discomfort and defeat without complaint or collapse. The maturing person knows he/she can’t have everything his own way. Life won’t allow it. He/she is able to defer to circumstances, other people and to time.

Maturing is the ability to live up to your responsibilities and keep your word. This means being dependable. Dependability equates with personal integrity. Do you mean what you say and say what you mean?

The world is filled with people who can’t be counted on. They never seem to come through in the crunch. They are the cop-outs who break promises and substitute alibis for performance. Invariably they show up late - or not at all. They are confused and disorganized. Their lives are a chaotic maze of unfinished business.

Maturing is the ability to make a decision and stand by it. Immature people spend most of their time exploring endless possibilities and they then do nothing. Action requires courage. And there can be no maturing without courage.

Maturing is the ability to harness your abilities and your energies and do more than is expected. The maturing person refuses to settle for mediocrity. He/she would rather aim high and miss the mark than aim low and make it.

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