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# ROMANS



Personal  
Introduction -  
1:11-12

Colosseum



**Forum excavations**

# Forum Arch of Severus, Temple of Saturn





**SPIRITUAL**  
**MATURITY**

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~~6~~ **SIGNS OF  
REAL MATURITY**

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# ΧΑΡΙΣΜΑ ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΙΚΟΣ (charisma pneumatikos)

- 1. Bestow = share or impart**
- 2. Technical sense - spiritual gifts**
- 3. Non-technical - blessing**

**2Cor 1:11, Rom 5:15-16, 6:23**

# **PHASES OF MINISTRY**

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**“Every Christian has received spiritual blessing in order to impart it and if we cannot impart we may well question whether we have received.”**

**Griffith Thomas**



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Maturity

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**1:13 I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far ) so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.**

A photograph of a sunset over a large body of water, likely the Sea of Galilee. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, with its light reflecting down the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the overall color palette is dominated by warm oranges, yellows, and blues. The foreground shows the dark silhouette of a hillside with some sparse vegetation.

**Every day and every circumstance  
can be a step toward  
SPIRITUAL MATURITY!!!**

**Sea of Galilee from Kursi**