

# **CAUTION**

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# ROMANS



Personal  
Introduction -  
1:13-15

Colosseum

# Corinth



**Temple of Apollo  
& excavations**

# Acrocorinth



Temple of Apollo



**Bema - Act 18:12**

# Forum Arch of Severus, Temple of Saturn





**SPIRITUAL**  
**MATURITY**

**9**

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

# OUTLINE

- I. Introduction** **1:1-17**
  - A. Formal Introduction** **1:1-7**
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# SPIRITUAL MATURITY



1. Thankful no matter what 8
2. Persistent in prayer 9
3. Controlled by God's will 10

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Maturity

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# **HINDERED**

- 1. By Satan - 1Th 2:18**
- 2. By HS - Act 16:6-7**
- 3. By Ministry - Rom 15:19,  
22-23**

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# **FRUIT (καρπος)**

- **General good or bad - 6:21-22**
- **Financial support - 15:28,  
Phil 4:17**
- **Character - Gal 5:22, Eph 5:9  
Phil 1:11, 21-22**

# **PHASES OF MINISTRY**

- 1. Blessings that edify**
- 2. Grounding in the Word**
- 3. Ministry returned**
- 4. Expanded fruitfulness**

# **SPIRITUAL MATURITY**

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# **GENTILES**

- 1. Greeks - within Greek culture**
- 2. Barbarians - outside Greek culture**
- 3. Wise - Greeks with wisdom**
- 4. Foolish - Barbarians without it**

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      - d. Passionate Preaching at Rome 1:15**

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A photograph of a sunset over a large body of water, likely the Sea of Galilee. The sun is a bright orange circle on the horizon, with a shimmering reflection on 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.

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

**Sea of Galilee from Kursi**