

# **Maturing in Knowledge**



**1 Corinthians 13:11**

- Review – “In Order to Shift We Must Mature”
- Purpose: to mature us for our next assignment, to shift.
- Goal: for us to resolve in our hearts that we will shift as mature believers.
  
- Lesson # 1 – The Reasons We Must Mature
  - A. So that we can work our Ministry and not be children.
  - B. How do we mature? By examining the divine nature.
  - C. I must make a commitment to be different than the old.
  
- Lesson # 2 – “Maturing in Love”
  - A. I must love God.
  - B. I must love myself.
  - C. I must love others.
  
- Lesson #3 – “Maturing in Faith”
  - A. We must understand our faith.
  - B. We must be our faith.
  - C. We must be persuaded of our faith.

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- Our next step is to mature in knowledge (Eph. 4:11).
- God paid a tremendous price for us!!!
  
- Three Things I Must Know:
  1. I am the creation of God (Psalm 139:14).
  2. I am actually the object of God’s love (Jer. 31:3).
  3. I am the trustee of God’s gifts (2 Cor. 4:7).
  
- The knowledge of God gives us success with God and man.
- In every area of our lives where there is failure, there is a lack of the knowledge of God.

- It is essential that we mature in the knowledge of God.
  1. In order to mature in the knowledge of God we must put away childish things (1 Cor. 13:11).
    - Chronology age has nothing to do with the word child.
    - A. We must put away childish speech.
    - B. We must put away childish understanding.
    - C. We must put away childish thoughts.
  - God's Word will always conflict with childish speech, childish understanding, and childish thoughts.
- 2. To mature in knowledge, we must walk in the wisdom of God.
  - The end result of the fruit of matured knowledge is wisdom.
  - Knowledge – the truth that we receive from God's Word.
  - Understanding – the truth of God's Word rightly divided.
  - Knowledge and understanding forms from self-application.
  - Wisdom – a demonstration of rightly divided knowledge made manifest by the indwelling Holy Spirit, producing a beneficial result.
  - A. My knowledge tells me what to do.
  - B. My understanding tells me why.
  - C. Wisdom tells me how.
- 3. We must make known to the world the hidden wisdom of God (Eph. 3:1-21).
  - A. I must not faint in the face of tribulation (John 16:33).
  - B. I must be rooted and grounded in love (Eph. 3:17).
  - C. I must be filled with all the fullness of God (Eph. 3:19).