

Maturing in Knowledge



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- 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).